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Sent: Monday, March 14, 2011 12:51 PM
To: 'gbrower@sen.state.nv.us'
Subject: Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology

Dear Senator Brower,

The planned 1.1 million dollar reduction in the budget of this state agency is dangerous to the health and safety of all Nevada residents. This agency provides information on geologic hazards that identifies threats to life and property from earthquakes, floods and other natural disasters. Furthermore, it provides information regarding the geology of Nevada that is indispensable to the development of mineral resources in this state. Resources that provide good high-paying jobs, especially for rural counties.

Although net proceeds of mines is a hot topic, please realize that knowledge obtained from reports produced and published by this agency plays a big role in expanding our knowledge of where these essential resources occur. Without that information I seriously doubt that Nevada would have much of a chance of keeping some of its rural counties in the black.

As you know the Nevada Constitution does not allow for a county to go bankrupt. In the case that such an event is imminent a special tax assessment is levied on the other counties to provide funding. I don't think anybody wants this to occur. Especially in this economy. So, although you don't represent a rural county please don't think that the fiscal health of rural counties is not important to me and my family.

If you really want to save money why doesn't the Legislature move the Department of Wildlife back as a Division under the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources like it used to be. I am sure there are other examples that can save the State much more money than the proposed cut to the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology.

Therefore I ask you to consider a more reasonable reduction than the proposed 52.4%.

Sincerely,

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