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Dear Lawmakers,

I protest the proposed cuts in the budget for the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology. The agency provides unique service to the citizens of Nevada through education and monitoring of the Nevada countryside. We all recognize that Nevada has an abundance of natural resources that need such monitoring and preservation for the future. No agency can better do this. The mining industry has profited from our natural resources without due taxation. Let this industry contribute their fair share to the cost of running the state in all departments, but especially the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology.

Thank you for your attention and concern.

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