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Hon Pat Hickey

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Dear Sir,

Please oppose severe cuts to the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology—the long term damage will cost more than the short term savings!

Nevada's economy depends heavily on mining, and leads in geothermal energy. Our state has significant undiscovered oil deposits. The NBMG is a key asset for these industries.

Thanks and regards,

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