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The Honorable Governor Brian Sandoval
Capitol Building
Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Governor Sandoval

I am a 30-year executive in the natural resource development industry including gold and silver mine development and operations and geothermal power production within Nevada. I am very concerned about any proposal to severely reduced or even eliminate the annual budget of the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology. Any significant reduction in this budget is very shortsighted and will lead to a long term decline in natural resource development in your state.

Nevada is a leading gold producer and is America's center of binary cycle geothermal power generation. As you know, these important natural resource developments lead to jobs, technology and tax revenues for Nevada. Natural resource development requires services and data repositories like the NBMG to help guide exploration, reduce risks, share data, and preserve responsible development practices.

I urge you to continue to fully support NBMG so that it can provide vital services to our natural resource industry, your State and to developers from around the region and North America.

Sincerely,

Daniel Kunz
President
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