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Dear Dean Thompson,

We have been continuously engaged in private-industry research concerning geothermal power projects (particularly geothermal reservoir engineering) since 1975. Over the years, we have become familiar with the excellent and valuable exploration work carried out by the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology (NBMG).

The scientific staff at NBMG has already carried out exploration projects that have led directly to the identification (and subsequent development by industry) of several geothermal prospects in Nevada. Moreover, numerous professionals now active in the geothermal technical community received their education through the efforts of NBMG staff members at the University of Nevada in Reno. The NBMG staff is highly respected throughout the geothermal community.

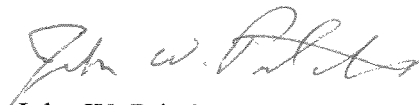
It is our understanding that the NBMG is now threatened with decimation and/or complete elimination by budget cuts that are presently under consideration by the University, acting under pressure from the Nevada State Government. NBMG is actually a net financial asset to the University, the State Government, and the State of Nevada as a whole because of the large multiplier effect of sources of out-of-state funding coming into Nevada from Federal research grants and equity investments in Nevada's geothermal electrical generation projects.

Please continue to support the efforts of this outstanding technical group.

Best regards,



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