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Dear Jon,

I am sending a few words of support to you and the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology (NBMG) during this difficult budget year for Nevada. I am a former Research Professor and Acting Executive Director of Hydrologic Sciences at DRI in Nevada and I understand the very important role that State Geologists and their offices play in generating revenue for States. This is particularly true in Nevada, which has some of the richest geothermal and precious metal resources in the United States. These resources generate significant tax receipts and diversify the economic base for the State. NBMG runs an excellent publication store that includes maps and books used by the Federal government, local companies, and stakeholders for many different purposes, and many of these products themselves generate revenue for the State through sales taxes.

Nevada simply cannot afford to close down offices, like NBMG, that directly assist in generating revenue for the State. I hope that the budget situation in Nevada improves and that NBMG is fully funded for the next biennium.

With best regards,

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