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Senator Dean Rhoads, Chairman
Legislature's Committee on Public Lands

Subject: Support for Work Session Document item # 26

Dear Senator Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

I am writing today to encourage the Committee to move forward with the letter to the U.S. EPA regarding the effectiveness of Nevada's mining regulatory program as described in your Work Session document item # 26. As you all know, Nevada's mining industry is subject to many regulations from both the Federal and State governments. We believe the regulatory program in Nevada is working well for the industry, the protection of the environment and all Nevadans. An important feature of Nevada's mining program is that it is capable of adapting as new issues arise. The recent adoption of Nevada's mercury air emissions program is a recent example of the flexibility in the system.

I am sorry that I can't be with you for the meeting on Thursday, August 24, 2006 in Ely, but appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Work Session item.

Sincerely,



Russ Fields
President

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