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The Honorable Catherine Cortez Masto  
United States Senator  
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The Honorable Jacky Rosen  
United States Senator  
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The Honorable Steven Horsford  
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United States Representative  
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The Honorable Dina Titus  
United States Representative  
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The Honorable Mark Amodei  
United States Representative  
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Dear Senators Cortez Masto and Rosen; Representatives Horsford, Lee, Titus, and Amodei:

It was my pleasure to chair the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources during the 2023–2024 Interim at the Nevada State Legislature. With the federal government managing more than 85 percent of land in Nevada, it is especially important for the Nevada Legislature to communicate and work hand in hand with our Congressional Delegation.

To further emphasize this importance, the Committee has a permanent Subcommittee on Public Lands which holds meetings around the State. During one of those meetings, the Subcommittee on Public Lands heard testimony from some of Nevada's rural counties regarding the challenges surrounding current and historic rights-of-way. Formalizing and finalizing title to these rights-of-way is critical for the State and its local governments.

While the Nevada Legislature has passed legislation to require the development of legal protocols to assist counties in perfecting their rights to such roads, funding to develop such a protocol has been difficult to obtain. Even with such a protocol, having to go through a federal court adjudication can be excessive, and the process cumbersome and protracted.

The controversy over these important roads has been ongoing for decades, at the expense of continued and historic access and multiple uses. We are therefore writing to encourage congressional action on this issue. The Historic Routes Preservation Act (H.R.3270, 115<sup>th</sup> Congress), for example, would have established an administrative procedure for resolving *Revised Statute* (RS) 2477 claims consistently and concisely, without the need for litigation. The Historic Roadways Protection Act (S.3148, 118<sup>th</sup> Congress), recently heard in the Senate Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining; would prohibit the use of federal funds to finalize and implement certain travel management plans that close RS 2477 roads in the State of Utah until all cases have been fully adjudicated. With this in mind, we encourage our Congressional Delegation and the United States Congress to seek resolution on this issue for Nevada, our counties, and all western states with clouded or unclear title on these important roads.

Thank you for your consideration; I look forward to continued collaboration in meeting the challenges on our public lands. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Jann Stinnesbeck, Committee Policy Analyst (775-684-6825 or [jann.stinnesbeck@lcb.state.nv.us](mailto:jann.stinnesbeck@lcb.state.nv.us)), if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Senator Julie Pazina, Chair  
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources