

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

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Nevada State Legislature  
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

Re: Oversight of The Boring Company

Chair Howard Watts and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter which is threatening the health and safety of my constituents and the environment in Nevada's First Congressional District. I have been calling for greater transparency into The Boring Company's "Vegas Loop" project in Clark County, Nevada and, particularly, in how state regulators are ensuring proper oversight over this project, for months. Thank you to Chairman Watts and the members of this Committee for meeting today to shed light on this important issue.

This project in Southern Nevada has been riddled with safety and environmental concerns since the start. In an email to *Fortune* in May 2023, a Boring Company employee said, "I feel that the company as a whole has been very fortunate these past few months that there hasn't been a fatality." Another employee who worked at Boring's research and development facility in Bastrop said, "Safety was not a priority. Getting the tunnel done was Steve's only goal – no matter the cost." Over the course of six months alone in 2023, Boring reported 36 injuries across its job sites to OSHA.<sup>1</sup> On September 10, 2025, an employee working on the tunnel along Paradise Road sustained a "crushing injury."<sup>2</sup>

On December 10, 2024, two firefighters suffered chemical burns after muck filled their boots during a drill. Firefighters reported not knowing about the safety risk posed by the muck, stating that the Boring Company told firefighters they could "just wash it off after" and that "they'd be fine."<sup>3</sup> On May 28, Nevada Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issued three "willful" citations against Boring. This means that investigators found that Boring had committed an "intentional and knowing" violation or knew that a hazardous condition existed and made no "reasonable effort" to eliminate it. OSHA meanwhile proposed penalties of \$425,595 for those three citations.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 'We have consistently flirted with death': Elon Musk wanted the Boring Co. to build a tunnel system below Las Vegas. Former employees say they feared for their lives while working there, *Fortune Magazine* (February 27, 2025) <https://fortune.com/2024/02/27/flirted-death-elon-musk-boring-company-employees-injuries-osh-citations/>

<sup>2</sup> Tunneling halted at Boring Company job site in Las Vegas after 'crushing injury' of worker reported, *Fortune Magazine* (September 11, 2025), <https://fortune.com/2025/09/11/boring-company-job-site-injury-reported-safety/>

<sup>3</sup> IBID

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The safety citations and associated fines were soon rescinded, however. According to *Fortune Magazine*, someone from “above” Nevada OSHA made the decision to rescind the fine.<sup>5</sup> On May 29, 2025, Boring executives met with several high-level state officials, including State Infrastructure Director Chris Reilly. State officials allegedly began that meeting by telling the Boring employees that Nevada OSHA would be rescinding the fine.

On November 19, 2025, I wrote Governor Lombardo demanding transparency about how and why The Boring Company went unsanctioned for dumping toxic chemicals into a tunnel and putting our workers, firefighters, and nearby residents in harm’s way. I asked the Governor whether his office would cooperate with a public hearing on this use and asked who made the decision to rescind the safety fine that was levied against Boring on May 28, 2025, among other vital questions. I asked the Governor to respond to my questions by December 12, 2025, but, to this day, they remain unanswered.

Governor Lombardo’s team has released their “legal justification” for rescinding the fine against The Boring Company. Those documents, however, have prompted more questions than answers. I urge the members of this Committee to get answers to these vital questions, including:

- What legal analysis did Nevada OSHA conduct before issuing the citations?
- Why were the fines discussed in a closed-door meeting between Boring Company and state officials, instead of through the official appeals process?
- After state regulators rescinded the fines against The Boring Company, was any “further review” done to assess whether updated citations were warranted?
- Has Nevada State OSHA been made aware of or investigated other safety concerns related to The Boring Company’s Nevada project? What was the outcome of each investigation?

You might be wondering what actions The Boring Company has taken to restore public confidence and trust in their operations in Southern Nevada. A reasonable person might expect The Boring Company to be hosting public meetings to shine light on their safety protocols or, at a minimum, explaining what was in the green slime pit that prompted questions from the surrounding community. Well, you would be wrong. The Boring Company does not even have a communications or public engagement officer!

We need to restore public trust in the institutions that are supposed to keep our workers, community members, and environment from unchecked harms in Southern Nevada. My constituents deserve action and accountability from state regulators. There is too much on the line for anything less.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



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