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Assemblywoman Heidi Swank, Chairman  
Assembly Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining Committee  
Nevada State Legislature  
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Carson City, NV 89701

Re: Assembly Bill 159 – Prohibits hydraulic fracturing in this State. (BDR 14-514)

Chairwoman Swank and distinguished members of the Assembly Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining Committee:

Elko County is 73% federally managed lands. Over the past 25 years unsolicited federal regulations have negatively affected the County and Regional Economy. State regulation prohibiting oil exploration fracking will serve to broaden negative impacts and further restrict Elko County's future economic diversity.

The Federal Leasable Royalty, Net Proceeds and Sales/Use Tax Revenues from public lands and private property leases would potentially befall approximately \$28.9 million to the State of Nevada and \$17.7 to Elko County annually. Potential oil/gas exploration and production would also support to diversify and stabilize our regional and local economy.

We would appreciate your rejection of AB159. Should you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully submitted,

Cliff Eklund, Chairman  
Board of Elko County Commissioners

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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Cc: Board of County Commissioners  
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