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The Honorable Chris Brooks
Nevada Assembly
401 South Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Dear Assemblyman Brooks:

Barrick is pleased to offer its support of AB 206 as amended. We congratulate you on your efforts to advance sound energy policy in Nevada and to address the interests of all parties.

Barrick was the first company to exit after the enactment of AB 661. This provided us the operational flexibility to meet our increasingly demanding and challenging energy need, and eased the strain on the Sierra Pacific system. That exit included the construction of the natural-gas powered Western 102 Power Plant in Storey County, and construction of a solar facility at the site. We have worked to comply with Nevada's policy goals and invested in a number of renewable project partnerships all across Nevada, from geothermal in Elko to solar on the Las Vegas Strip. We most recently completed a new partnership in Reno.

Barrick is Nevada's largest gold mining company with 3,800 employees in Clark, Elko, Eureka, Humboldt and Storey counties. Barrick is committed to building, operating and closing our mines in a safe and responsible manner. We make this commitment with a firm belief that our mining activities can create sustained progress and prosperity when we manage our social, economic, and environmental impacts with our stakeholders' interests in mind.

Thank you for your diligent work on this legislation. We look forward to a continuing dialogue with you and other leaders on energy policy in Nevada.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Brown
President, Barrick USA