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STATE OF NEVADA  
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**State Land Use Planning Advisory Council**

June 3, 2022

To: Chair Cathy McAdoo, Board of Regents of the Nevada System of Higher Education  
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SLUPAC Support of Continued Funding for Nevada Economic Assessment Project (NEAP)

On behalf of the Nevada State Land Use Planning Advisory Council (SLUPAC) I am writing this letter, approved by SLUPAC on June 3, 2022, to provide the Council's support of continued funding for the Nevada Economic Assessment Project (NEAP). SLUPAC supports the work of the NEAP team's efforts to obtain long-term, sustainable funding to continue their work throughout the communities of Nevada.

NEAP was created by a group of public entities in Nevada, including Nevada Association of Counties, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Forest Service for the purpose of creating a quantitative backing to guide better decision-making.

NEAP develops a comprehensive data repository of county quantitative and qualitative baseline data to be used to assess land use planning and economic development initiatives at the county level. The project also provides individual counties with economic impact assessment models that are critical to help analyze proposals and activities associated with land use policy decisions.

The NEAP team has continued to look for additional ways to bring better data to the forefront of decision making. Recent projects and partnerships include implementing the most-in-depth hunting expenditure survey ever completed in Nevada, showing the economic impacts of big-game and upland-game hunting to local communities, with the Nevada Department of Wildlife. Additionally, they have an ongoing partnership with Nevada State Parks to assist with Visitor Use Surveying and showcasing economic impacts of the park sites.

SLUPAC recognizes the importance of the data collected from NEAP and the value this data brings to the land use planning decision process throughout Nevada. SLUPAC furthermore supports continued funding from Federal, State, Local, and other sources be obtained to support NEAP. If you have any questions or would like additional information concerning SLUPAC, please feel free to contact Scott Carey, State Lands Planner at 775-684-2723 or [scarey@lands.nv.gov](mailto:scarey@lands.nv.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jake Tibbitts". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke.

Jake Tibbitts, Chair  
State Land Use Planning Advisory Council

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