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Subject: Letter of Support for the Nevada Gold Mines' Proposed Rail Project

To Whom it May Concern,

The City of Carlin is writing to express our strong support for the proposed Nevada Gold Mines Rail Project. Nevada Gold Mines has been a trusting neighbor and partner in our community, through local event support and donations for larger projects, like the Nevada Gold Mines Splash Pad at the Carlin City Park. We continue to put our trust in them by partnering in bigger projects, including a potential housing project north of Carlin.

The rail project proposed by Nevada Gold Mines would help alleviate semi-truck traffic along State Route 766. The fifty-five miles of new rail would replace up to eighty daily truck trips every day. Those are safer roads for not only our constituents, but also for the employees and contractors that travel that road every day. In 2019 there was a bus crash with an ore semi-truck. This accident caused two fatalities and five serious injuries. This rail spur would help prevent tragic accidents like this from happening in the future.

This project would also prolong the life of existing infrastructure at the Goldstrike and Gold Quarry processing facilities. This greatly increases the quality of life for Carlin citizens by keeping our constituents working at the same facility longer, while also keeping their commute shorter.

We believe Nevada Gold Mines' proposed rail project would be a great benefit to our community's safety and quality of life.

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns to mayor@carlinnv.gov or call 775-754-6354.

Thank you,

Cameron Kinney
Mayor
City of Carlin

Adam Assenza
Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
Washington, DC 20423

RE: Letter of Support for Nevada Gold Rail

Dear Mr. Assenza,

On behalf of Lander County, I am writing to formally express our support for the proposed Nevada Gold Rail National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis project (Docket Number FD 36889).

As a stakeholder invested in the long-term success of the broader economy of northeastern Nevada and Lander County in particular, we believe this proposed rail infrastructure project is a vital step toward advancing our local economy and securing Nevada's place as the largest gold producer in the nation.

A rail network connecting Nevada's two largest gold mining districts (Cortez and Carlin) will provide increased life of mine and ensure continued economic opportunities in northeastern Nevada. This project would also address the safety and traffic concerns that exist around the significant volume of over-the-road trucking that occur between these two mining districts.

The proposed project, which involves two new rail lines, one in Boulder Valley and one in Crescent Valley, will provide significant benefits to our community, including:

- Reduced traffic on Interstate 80, and in local communities such as Carlin and Crescent Valley. Rail would remove the safety concerns around the slow speeds of over-the-road trucks on the interstate compared to the general vehicle traffic and posted speed limits.
- A reduction in energy and carbon emissions compared to the current over-the-road trucking fleet. Rail offers a more efficient and environmentally friendly option to move ore between the two mining districts.
- Expanded economic opportunity and increased life of mine. This project would lower mine costs, expand regional workforce requirements, and extend the profitable mine life at these properties. This ensures that future generations of Nevadans will have access to quality, high-paying jobs in the region.

Nevada Gold Mines has kept us apprised of this project as it has developed over the years, and we support the commitment to public safety and expanding economic opportunity in Nevada's rural counties.

We urge the Surface Transportation Board to pursue the NEPA effort to authorize this project and look forward to examining the analysis for the alignments that get carried forward in detail. Thank you for your leadership and for your dedication to the economic growth of Northeastern Nevada.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bartolo Ramos", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bartolo Ramos

County Manager