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Dear Governor Gibbons:

Nevadans for Quality Education (NQE) would like to commend you in your effort to

"bring government closer to the people" in your Road to Recovery Tour. Meeting with Nevada's residents in rural communities to talk to them about Nevada's budget crisis and listen to their comments and ideas is a noble approach in working toward a solution to the budget catastrophe our state faces.

NQE would like to invite you to Southern Nevada, in which, more than 70% of Nevada's citizens reside and contribute more than 70% of the state's revenue. We are certain that the residents in Southern Nevada will provide you with great insight and ideas in solving the complex budget issue.

Some elected officials have forgotten the needs and wishes of the citizens who sent them to Carson City. Solving Nevada's budget crisis is going to take you, our governor, the legislature and all of the residents of this state. Southern Nevada must have the opportunity to participate in this very critical dialogue and offer solutions that might help you and the legislature guide the people of all of Nevada through this economic crisis.

Respectfully,

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