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Dear Ms. Elliott,

The Ruby Mountains truly are a Nevada treasure, something that we are all proud of. This vast swath of geography enjoys multiple uses: recreation, tourism, hunting, fishing, heli-skiing, agriculture, ranching, mining and oil and gas extraction (to the northeast of the target area).

Modern oil and gas extraction technologies have demonstrated themselves to be environmentally responsible. The industry is held to high compliance standards, and like mining, they have demonstrated themselves to be responsible stewards of the environment.

The economic vitality and sustainability of rural communities are inextricably tied to the utilization of our natural resources. In the Elko region, we depend heavily on the gold mining industry for quality jobs and economic stability. Oil and gas exploration would bring high-paying jobs to the area, and it would help diversify our economy away from reliance on the gold mining industry.

I am very much in favor of opening up the 54,000 acre target area to oil and gas leasing.

Thank you for your consideration,

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