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Government Affairs Committee
Seventy Second Session, 2003
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Dear Chairman Mark Manendo and members of committee;

My name is Spencer Hafen, I am a self employed land surveyor in Lincoln County, I am also a County Commissioner. I moved to Lincoln County in 1996 and opened a surveying office in Pioche. Before I was elected County Commissioner in 2000 I contracted with Lincoln County to perform surveying services. Upon being elect to that position I found that I would no longer be able to contract with the County for those services. This has caused me to have to look outside of Lincoln County for work to support my family and keep my business running. There have been several jobs that my firm has not had the opportunity to bid on because of current N.R.S. In a result these jobs were given to companies that reside outside of Lincoln County. Chairman Manendo and members of the committee, I would ask for your support in recommending SB 539 for passage. It would help members of rural communities that serve as elected officials continue to make a living in there full time occupations. I thank you for your considerations and help.

Sincerely,



Spencer W. Hafen
Lincoln County Commissioner
The Owens Surveying Outfit, Inc.