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Assemblyman Morse Arberry Jr.
Chair, Assembly Ways and Means Committee

Senator William J. Raggio
Chair, Senate Finance Committee

Nevada State Legislature
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Dear Assemblyman Arberry and Senator Raggio:

It is my understanding that questions have arisen about the history of O & M funding for the Fire Science Academy (FSA) at the University of Nevada, Reno. As I believe you know, the Academy originally opened at a location in Stead, Nevada, before moving to its present site in Elko, Nevada, in 1999.

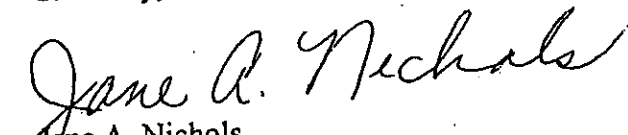
We have researched our records and confirmed that the Stead location was included in state-supported O & M allocations prior to 1999. At that time, a total of 8,940 square feet was included in the University's O & M calculation, including an office, service center, four classroom buildings, and a storage unit. We also verified that the FSA was not included in the University's O & M recharge system during this period.

The relocated Fire Science Academy was not included in the University's O & M calculation in the 2001 legislative session because the University did not yet own that facility. In fact, at the time the UCCSN's 2001-2003 budget was constructed, the facility was closed. In March 2002, the University of Nevada, Reno, purchased the facility and it reopened in May 2002. Thus the 2003 legislative session was the UCCSN's first opportunity to reestablish O & M funding for the FSA.

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I trust this information will assist your committees as you continue to deliberate the operating budget for the University and Community College System of Nevada. We ask that you restore the O&M for the UNR FSA for the 2003-05 biennium that was approved by the Joint Subcommittee on Higher Education.

Sincerely,


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