

May 9, 2011

State Senator (fill in name)
NEVADA STATE SENATE
401 South Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701-4747

RE: UNLV Construction Management Program Proposed Elimination

Dear Senator _____:

We are distressed that with the high level of proposed budget cuts to higher education that the UNLV Construction Management Program is facing elimination. At the Construction Financial Management Association (CFMA), over the years, we have continually supported UNLV Construction Management with both gifts in kind and monetary contributions. Our most recent contribution is fund-raising along with others in the construction industry towards a half-million dollar contribution for supporting a faculty position in the UNLV Program.

In terms of economic diversification, sustainable construction, green energy, and other important elements of Nevada's economy going forward, construction education is a key ingredient. UNLV has Nevada's only 4-year accredited construction management program. Since the inception of the UNLV Program in 1987, its construction graduates have been important participants in all sectors of Nevada's construction industry from residential and commercial through to heavy/highway construction. While the construction industry is currently suffering in this economic recession, it would be unfortunate and short-sighted to eliminate this needed Program.

Extreme measures such as reducing needed funding for the UNLV Construction Management Program and others will have a long-term detrimental effect here in Nevada. While these economic times are certainly difficult, we strongly encourage yourself and your colleagues to adequately fund higher education and therefore avoid eliminating the UNLV Construction Management Program.

Sincerely,