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Dear Governor Gibbons:

I thank you for your time on Monday. It was good to see you and I am very pleased with your support of our tuition retention requests. This is an important step toward preserving and enhancing the System's campuses and responding to the needs of the System's students.

As you know, there are two vacancies on the Board of Regents. These appointments to the Board are critical to the future of higher education. I know that you want Regents who share your view and my view who will work together to find financial solutions like the ones we discussed. Tuition retention, local support of community colleges, revenue from the tobacco fund and tax exemptions are just a few of the possible sources we offered to cover financial shortfalls. All of these will ultimately build a world class higher education system. Making the choice of who should be involved in recommending these two new Regents to you should be done judiciously and cautiously.

I would like to make a suggestion. Like you, I have heard of many qualified people interested in being appointed to these seats. Would you consider appointing a committee to evaluate all of the applicants? I know the statutes do not require this process; however, there are qualified Nevadans who would volunteer their time to vet out the many applications and make informed recommendations to you. I think a representative from the faculty, an administrative representative from at least one of the campuses, a student and perhaps two people from the business community would represent the broad spectrum of those who are intimately familiar with the needs and opportunities of NSHE.

Let me know if I can assist you in this process.

Very truly yours,



Jim Rogers