Dear Governor Sandoval:

As a Nevada student, I am the future of our state, and I know that a good education is the cornerstone of opportunity for my family, friends, community and me.

Your proposed cuts to my school will stop us from building the kind of state we want and limit my chances of success. Your proposals will cut down the future of my peers and extinguish our hopes and dream in very real ways: How do you expect me to learn in a classroom of 45 students? How do you expect me to get into college without any sports or extracurricular programs? How do you expect me to work a second job to pay tuition? And how exactly do you expect me to earn my degree if my classes are full or not even offered?

You promised during your campaign not to raise taxes. But the budget situation has gotten worse and we need a broader solution. Cuts alone, as you have proposed, will cripple Nevada for a generation. It’s shortsighted and it’s not leadership.

In this time of crisis, we are looking to you and legislators to guide us to a better future. We are watching to see if you will lead us forward. We’re looking for you to bring Democrats and Republicans together to find that balanced solution. If we need cuts, then balance them with new revenue so my school isn’t devastated.

You are the leader of our state. I call on you to set politics aside and do what’s right for my future, my community’s future, and Nevada’s future.

Sincerely,