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Board of Supervisors, County of Nevada 950 Maidu Avenue, Suite 200 Nevada City, CA 95959

Chair Miller and Supervisors:

As you are aware, the Nevada County Public Library system is comprised of six lively and active library facilities, including the Truckee Library. Built in 1976 in the Joseph Center government complex on Levon Avenue, the Truckee Library fits a wide range of activities, programs, and materials in a compact 5,000-square-feet space. The County has done what it can to remodel the Library, undertaking expansion projects in 1984 and 2003. Unfortunately, it is not possible to expand the Library in its existing location to a size that would adequately address the existing drawbacks, which include outdated infrastructure for modern technology needs and lack of space for programs and materials.

The Friends of the Truckee Library have long advocated for a new library in Truckee. County Library staff appreciates their willingness to engage consultants who provide expert guidance on areas such as best practices in library facilities, space planning, and cost analysis. We also recognize, appreciate, and support the Friends of the Truckee Library in their efforts to raise awareness of the need for a larger modernized library in Truckee and to raise funds for the cost of building a new Truckee Library.

The Nevada County Library urges the Board of Supervisors to lend their support to the Friends of the Truckee Library as well.

Thank you,

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