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RE: Letter of Support for the Donner Project

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Nevada County Board of Supervisors, I am submitting this Letter of Support for the Donner Project being spearheaded by the Sierra State Parks Foundation (SSPF), which is a valued nonprofit partner for seven iconic California State Parks in the Lake Tahoe-Truckee region.

The SSPF's Donner Project would repair the 1906 Pioneer Monument that serves as the Donner Memorial State Park's primary landmark and honors the families and individuals who crossed the Sierra Crest to settle California. New seating and landscaping will also be added so as to enhance the visitor's contemplative experience of the monument and the perseverance and courage that it signifies.

The Donner Project will also include a 100-person pavilion with a Washoe-influenced design that similarly honors the legacy of the Washoe people in this area. The pavilion will be engineered to abate freeway noise that competes with docents' talks, thus creating a dedicated space for education and interpretation.

Donner Memorial State Park marks an important historical setting and serves as a popular recreational amenity in eastern Nevada County, and draws many visitors each year. The Nevada County Board of Supervisors very much supports the Sierra State Parks Foundation's efforts to restore and improve critical elements of the park for the broader benefit of the public.

Sincerely,

Richard Anderson
Chairman, Board of Supervisors