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Mrs. Patricia Egan
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Dear Mrs. Egan:

Words seem woefully inadequate to convey Nevada's and my own personal sense of loss at Joe's untimely passing. Unfortunately, words are what I can offer during this saddest of all times. Please accept my sincere sympathy for you, your family, and Joe's many friends.

Although I met Joe only once, I know from that meeting that he was an attorney of the highest caliber and singularly dedicated to his role as Nevada's advocate. The combination of his exceptional technical credentials, his organizational skills and his rare talent as a communicator made Joe a formidable champion. Although always an underdog in the Yucca Mountain contest, Nevada's stature improved demonstrably with Joe at the helm. He masterminded a judicial victory for Nevada in 2004 and continued to expertly coordinate Nevada's anti-Yucca Mountain efforts until the very end. Now, even with heavy hearts, we are able to predict an eventual success because Joe left us with such a clear path forward.

May your memories of Joe help you in the days ahead. Please know that the State of Nevada owes you and your family a debt of gratitude for sharing Joe with us. On behalf of the State of Nevada, I thank you for Joe's great service and continuing contributions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Catherine Cortez Masto". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

CATHERINE CORTEZ MASTO
Attorney General

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