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Governor Jim Gibbons
State Capital
Office of the Governor
101 North Carson Street
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Dear Governor Gibbons:

As you know we believe the University of Nevada Health Sciences System is the most important single project in the last 50 years in Nevada. Being designed not only to help with the health care of all Nevadans, the secondary value of the UNHSS is to unite all eight institutions within the Nevada System of Higher Education and to raise their academic capabilities and reputations.

As you also know, we are attempting to have as much private investment in this project as possible. That is the reason we proposed to you and the Nevada Legislature that if the State would appropriate \$110 million to the CIP of the University of Nevada Health Sciences System that we would raise an additional \$47 million from the private sector. Your support of this appropriation is very important. We have been so earnest in our efforts to put as little burden as possible on the back of the State that this last September 30th the UNHSS inaugurated an annual dinner to raise money for the project.

The dinner has a format of a ROAST and fortunately, or unfortunately, I was the victim, or hero, of that dinner. The 400 people (10 per table) contributed nearly \$1.6 million (\$4,000 per person or \$40,000 per table.) I told the audience that if we had changed the ROAST to a HANGING, I'm sure we could have raised a lot more money, although it would have been a one time shot.

With the success of that event, we are planning another roast sometime in September or October 2007 and we invite you to be the ROASTEE. The event will be held in Las Vegas at the Red Rock Hotel and Casino. I think we would raise a lot of money, far more than we raised last year, as we have gotten a lot smarter and the UNHSS project has become a reality.

Would you please give this serious thought? As Governor and a proponent and supporter of the UNHSS and a person who is somewhat controversial, which makes you a prime candidate to be a ROASTEE, we think the dinner would be a rousing success. This would also be a wonderful opportunity for the chief executives of the State and the System to stand shoulder to shoulder in support of this critical project for our future.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience if you would be willing to do this and what date would be convenient for you.

Sincerely,

James E. Rogers
Chancellor

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