United States Senate

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Mr. Stephen Ehikian Acting Administrator and Deputy Administrator U.S. General Services Administration 1800 F Street NW Washington, DC 20405

Dear Mr. Ehikian:

We write out of urgent concern regarding the recent termination of General Services Administration (GSA) employees in Nevada. GSA employees play a critical role in maintaining safe and effective workspaces for federal employees serving Nevadans. Without the GSA's supportive services to keep these buildings functioning, essential services provided by these federal employees may be impacted and the federal government could, ironically, become less efficient.

As you know, GSA employees currently manage five federally-owned buildings and courthouses throughout Nevada. In addition to federal courtrooms, these buildings serve as workplaces for employees from more than a dozen federal agencies and programs, including the U.S. Marshals Service, U.S. Probation Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Reclamation, and more.

The GSA's responsibility is to acquire and manage upkeep of federal buildings across the country at the best value for taxpayers. In February 2025, you announced that the GSA would be initiating a "Reduction in Force" to align with President Trump's Executive Order on the Department of Government Efficiency's (DOGE) Workforce Optimization Initiative. However, haphazardly terminating all local GSA employees who provide federal buildings with cost-efficient IT services, secure infrastructure, and other fundamental services is more likely to increase government costs in the long run while risking the safety and well-being of federal employees and the Nevadans who rely on federal services.

We request a briefing for our staff by <u>no later than March 19, 2025</u> in order to gain essential information on the scope of the GSA's "Reduction in Force" and the GSA's efforts to maintain critical services to federal facilities in the state.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue. We look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

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