



Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval

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Statement from Governor Sandoval on the President's Proposed Budget

"A President's budget is a reflection of their vision for our nation and I have asked my staff and Cabinet to review this proposal and examine its potential impact on and opportunities for the state of Nevada.

The President's budget continues to propose additional funding for STEM education grants, and includes significant investments in school choice funding and charter schools, all of which have been part of Nevada's improving education portfolio. I am hopeful the Administration will look at Nevada's model Opportunity Scholarship program and our thriving Charter School system as they build out these policies.

Nevada has greatly benefitted from the President's investment in the fight against prescription drug abuse and this budget enhances those efforts. Nevada will aggressively compete for every grant opportunity and I am eager to learn more about the Medicaid and Medicare policy changes aimed at fighting the opioid epidemic. This budget recognizes the importance of multiple use management on public lands, continues to streamline permitting and regulatory processes and embraces energy development and independence, an area where Nevada excels.

My office did receive notice from the Department of Energy that Yucca Mountain licensing funding would be in the budget, but we continue to disagree on the necessity to invest any money at all on this ill-conceived project. Yucca Mountain is incapable of safely storing the world's most toxic substance and Nevada will continue to oppose any efforts to dump nuclear waste in our state. I am disappointed that the Administration's budget appears to resurrect this dormant project and we will leave no stone unturned in fighting any attempt to revive this failed idea.

I also have great concern about the Administration's attempt to raid funding from the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act. SNPLMA is a model partnership between the BLM, the State of Nevada, and local governments and, as required by federal law, the funds received from land sales stay in Nevada to be reinvested in critical conservation projects. I know Nevada's Congressional delegation will work to ensure SNPLMA funds remain invested where they were intended by Congress – at home here in Nevada.

I look forward to working with the President to advance the priorities we agree on."

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