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Mining law

To the editor:

I recently read that Sen. John Ensign has publicly opposed the mining law reform bill (H.R. 2262) that passed the House of Representatives.

I, like many Nevadans, was appalled to hear that the U.S. House had approved an 8 percent royalty on new mining operations. A prosperous and stable domestic mining industry is good for Nevada and good for the country. We need to strive for mining law reform that encourages investment, rewards environmental stewardship and keeps mining operations here in Nevada. This bill does not meet those goals.

When discussing his opposition to the bill, Sen. Ensign highlighted that mining jobs are stable and well-paying, and help keep our rural economies robust and growing. I could not agree more.

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