

Dear committee. Chair and members: My name is Eileen Bidwell, senior citizen in Reno. I am writing to express my concerns about the unequal health impacts of climate change in our state. Research studies have shown that low income neighborhoods are far more likely to be affected by air and water pollution from industries nearby as well as construction. Climate effects cause more extreme temperatures due to a lack of trees and green spaces to counteract the built environment. Low income residents are also more likely to work industries with greater exposure to environmental hazards, and to live in homes with toxic chemicals, lead and other threats. My husband grew up in a poor neighborhood in Buffalo, New York with the city landfill a block from his home. I urge this committee to create policies to prevent today's children from growing up with these risks. Thank you so much for addressing environmental injustice and inequality in Nevada.

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