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Joint Interim Standing Committee on Growth and Infrastructure
401 South Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701-4747

Dear Chair Harris, Vice Chair Watts, and members of the committee,

On behalf of CHR, Inc. (Caring, Helping and Restoring Lives), a faith-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, I'd like to thank you for learning more about Nevada's energy landscape. Please consider this letter as you consider policies going forward.

CHR's mission is to care, help, and restore the lives of the under and unemployed, as well as, the victims of domestic & sexual violence who are challenged with poor credit, homelessness, minimal job skills, education, and the confidence to break these barriers. We provide constructive convenient information to employers, businesses, workers and job seekers, and victims and survivors of domestic violence in Southern Nevada for education, advocacy, and job placement. Since 1996, CHR, Inc. has helped hundreds of Nevadans with transitional housing, utility assistance, childcare, transportation & food vouchers. We also assist them with other supportive services based on their individual needs. In 2017, CHR partnered with the Clean Energy Initiative to provide information on renewable energy that will lead to healthier lives.

I write to you as I've witnessed firsthand the struggles of those, we serve for more than a year. Rising energy bills force families to choose between essentials like food, medicine, or safe home temperatures. This crisis hits low-income and underserved communities hardest, aggravating health risks and widening income gaps in Nevada.

I personally have benefited from clean energy. I am a customer who uses NV Energy's Powershift smart thermostat program and their equal pay program. We have insulated windows and doors. This is why I advocate for making clean energy, energy efficiency, and weatherization programs accessible to all Nevadans, especially the most vulnerable.

In this time of hardship for many Nevadans, the Nevada Clean Energy Fund is a beacon of hope. Through their financing and technical expertise, the organization is maximizing opportunities from the federal clean energy plan with funds from the Inflation Reduction Act and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. CHR, Inc. is proud to partner with NCEF by getting information in the hands of people who need it most and I applaud their commitment to our community. We just recently held a Home Energy and Affordability Workshop where over 150 african-american homeowners were in attendance. There were many resources available because of the partnership with the Nevada Clean Energy Fund and Kirsten

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Stasio and her team. Congressman Steven Horsford was in attendance and spoke to our people about the funding available through NCEF and the resources available.

NCEF's work is vital for the well-being of countless Nevada households. Their success directly translates to a healthier, more equitable future for our state. I urge you to maximize the opportunity we have in front of us by supporting NCEF and leveraging the organization to its fullest potential.

Thank you and God bless,

Dr. Mary House
CEO, CHR, INC (Caring, Helping and Restoring Lives)

Cc: Senator Dallas Harris, Chair
Assemblyman Howard Watts, Vice Chair
Senator Carrie A. Buck
Senator Skip Daly
Assemblywoman Tracy Brown-May
Assemblyman Max Carter
Assemblywoman Jill Dickman
Assemblywoman Danielle Gallant