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Hello Interim Finance Committee,

I hope this finds you all well. I want to thank you for your courage in standing up for these families in the name of housing justice. Without you, I fear these families would be denied what they are owed.

To introduce myself, my name is Ben Iness and I am the Coalition Coordinator for the Nevada Housing Justice Alliance. We are a coalition of grassroot organizers and advocates that fight for the community investments and policy solutions that address the root causes of our state's housing crisis. Our priorities have been eviction reform, rent stabilization, and other vital tenant protections.

Although our primary focus of our collective advocacy is with renters & tenants, I wanted to write in support of the funding of Senator Neal's SB450 related to Windsor Park as a critical housing justice & racial justice issue. I urge the IFC, the Governor, and the Housing Division to do everything they can to support the completion of this relocation project and own their commitment to these families. With many of last year's vetoes, empty letters to President Biden to release Federal public lands, and other inaction - Nevada families are suffering. We cannot fail the community of Windsor Park by ignoring the passing and signing of SB450.

Thank you for your work and holding the line. Take care,

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