



**Chamber
of Commerce**

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Senate Growth & Infrastructure Committee
Nevada State Legislature
401 S. Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

Chair Cancela and Esteemed Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Carson Valley Chamber of Commerce we write today to express our support for a higher Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS), as proposed in Senate Bill 358. Nevada is positioned remarkably well to use our solar, wind and geothermal resources to meet a higher RPS. Increasing our share of renewable energy to 50% by 2030 is a sensible step given how well we have met our existing standard for nearly a decade. NV Energy's extensive plans to build new clean energy plants in Nevada and increase its battery offerings also signify a higher standard is achievable.

Moreover, economic analyses have shown that the development of clean energy can help diversify and strengthen economies, especially in rural areas. States that do the best job of using their homegrown resources will have a great advantage as we transition to newer technologies. Voters also demonstrated they favor a higher RPS with the passage of Question 6 last election.

The Carson Valley Chamber believes the long term benefits of setting a strong RPS will better prepare us for the future and lead to cost-savings for consumers and businesses alike. We urge you to move forward with your plans to increase Nevada's Renewable Portfolio Standard to 50% by 2030.

Sincerely,

William Chernock
Executive Director