



March 29, 2019

Senator Yvanna Cancela  
Senate Committee on Growth & Infrastructure  
401 S. Carson Street  
Carson City, NV 89701-4747

RE: SB 358 – Letter of Support

Dear Chair Cancela:

I write to you on behalf of the Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA) in support of SB 358, legislation that will increase the goals and standards associated with the Nevada Renewable Portfolio Standard. SEIA is the national trade association of the United States solar industry. Through advocacy and education SEIA and its 1,000 member companies work to make solar energy a mainstream and significant energy source by expanding markets, removing market barriers, strengthening the industry, and educating the public on the benefits of solar energy.

Renewable energy brings tremendous value to Nevada, including energy independence, improved energy security, reduced fuel transportation costs, comprehensive environmental benefits, and local jobs with living wages. These jobs include system design, engineering, permitting, project development, construction, supply and distribution, marketing, energy analysis, and maintenance. Nevada has an opportunity to be a big, bold leader in the renewable energy space, and SB 358 is just the kind of legislation to establish Nevada as a national leader.

Thus, SEIA supports SB 358, and intends to work with the sponsors and committee members as the bill progresses through the process. We urge your support of SB 358, as well as other complementary policies, to promote a strong clean energy future for Nevada.

Thank you for your time and consideration and I look forward to working with you throughout this process. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 415-385-7240 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sara Birmingham". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Sara Birmingham  
Senior Director, State Affairs  
Solar Energy Industries Association