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Nevada General Assembly
401 S Carson St,
Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Members of the Nevada Legislature,

As major businesses and employers in Nevada, we support policies that will ensure the state continues to be a national leader on clean energy. Specifically, we support [SB 358](#), which would increase Nevada's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) to 50 percent by 2030. By passing this legislation, Nevada would accelerate the development of local clean energy that can generate cost savings and jobs, while improving public health and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

A growing number of companies in Nevada and nationwide have set goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, procure renewables, and improve energy efficiency in their facilities and supply chains.¹ Over half of Nevada's 50 largest employers have already invested in clean energy. Clean energy helps businesses save money, hedge against volatile fuel prices, and stay competitive. In fact, a 2017 analysis shows that renewable energy and energy efficiency save U.S. companies \$3.7 billion a year, freeing up significant capital that we reinvest into our businesses, employees, and the communities in which we operate.² The availability of clean sources of power impacts our decision-making: states with robust clean energy standards create policy certainty, attracting long-term company investments consistent with meeting our goals. Clean energy not only makes economic sense, it is also the expectation of our customers, employees, and investors.

Nevada is poised to experience significant benefits by driving more clean energy investment in the state. The state's current policies have already helped to attract nearly \$6 billion in renewable energy investment between 2010 and 2014.³ Expanding Nevada's clean energy goals will help ensure the state's vibrant and robust clean energy economy continues to grow. A 2018 report found that more than 25,000 Nevadans work in clean energy.⁴ Given its substantial

¹ Ceres. "Power Forward 3.0: How the largest U.S. companies are capturing business value while addressing climate change" April 15, 2017. <https://www.ceres.org/resources/reports/power-forward-3>.

² Ibid.

³ A Renewable America. "Powering up Nevada: A Report on the Economic Benefits of Renewable electricity Development" January 2015. http://energy.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/energy.nv.gov/content/Media/DGA_Report_NV_v5_SMALL.PDF.

⁴ Advanced Energy Economy. "Nevada Advanced Energy Jobs Fact Sheet" July 2018. <https://info.aee.net/nevada-advanced-energy-jobs-fact-sheet-1-0-0>.

in-state resources, Nevada has a unique opportunity to support economic development and reduce reliance on imported energy.

A strong RPS will attract new investment, encourage innovation, save homeowners and businesses money on their energy bills, and promote environmental sustainability that will benefit all Nevadans. We hope you will maintain Nevada's leadership position in the clean energy economy. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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