



Assembly Government Affairs Committee  
401 S. Carson Street  
Carson City, NV 89701

March 25, 2023

**RE: Support for AB312**

Dear Chair Torres and members of the Assembly Government Affairs Committee,

Dream.Org's Green-for-All Program is committed to ensuring that as we transition to a new green energy economy, all communities, including those who have been historically disadvantaged, can benefit from the shift to renewable energy. Last year, the President signed the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) into law which allocates three billion dollars to climate change and clean energy investments with the intention that at least 40% of those funds reach minority and low-income communities through an initiative called Justice 40. These historic investments will ensure that the United States reduces its carbon footprint and that everyone, regardless of socioeconomic status, race, or ethnicity, can access clean air, water, and climate resiliency measures.

Nevada is poised to be a leader in clean energy with ample opportunity for investments in solar, wind, and geothermal technologies across the state, and it is expected that large-scale energy development will receive significant funding from the IRA. Nevada is also home to many frontline communities suffering from the impacts of climate change sooner and harder than most across the nation. Those include communities in North Las Vegas, Latino communities statewide and tribal communities. Currently, there is no mechanism in place to ensure that the President's Justice 40 initiatives will be met in Nevada and that local and small-scale energy and climate resiliency projects will see the same level of investment.

With this need, our goal is to ensure Nevada does not allow federal funding to go unspent, Dream.Org has proposed a conceptual amendment to AB312. Our amendment will allow the Commission on Environmental Justice to accept gifts, grants, and awards, such as funding from the IRA, and provide the Commission with the ability to subgrant these dollars to local communities, government agencies, and community-based organizations to fund climate resiliency, clean energy, and other projects that will safeguard the health and wellbeing of frontline communities. Additionally, Dream.Org can provide technical assistance to the Commission or potential subgrantees in applying for and accessing these funding opportunities.



Dream.Org looks forward to working with the sponsors of AB312, the Nevada Environmental Justice Coalition, and the members of this committee to ensure that all Nevadans benefit from the investments in federal dollars to address the climate crisis while building a cleaner and safer environment for everyone.

Sincerely,  
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