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**Re: Business Support for AB 206**

Dear Members of the Nevada State Senate:

As major businesses and employers in Nevada, we write in support of [Assembly Bill 206](#) (AB 206) to increase Nevada's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) to 50% by 2030. Successful companies are always looking for ways to save money, reduce risks, and plan for the future. Clean energy policies, like the RPS, help ensure all customers are able to take advantage of the benefits of having more renewable energy on the grid.

A growing number of Fortune 500 companies have set goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and invest in renewable energy. States with robust clean energy standards often offer more opportunities for businesses to gain access to renewable energy and can attract more corporate investments. Clean energy not only makes economic sense, but it is also the expectation of our customers, employees and investors.

Nevada's RPS was last substantially changed in 2009 and it is time to update the standard in order to drive more clean energy investment into the state. The costs of renewable energy have fallen dramatically in recent years, creating additional incentive for clean energy investments. The current RPS allows utilities to meet a portion of their requirements through purchased and banked renewable energy credits (RECs). AB 206 will help strengthen the RPS and update it to reflect the growing importance of geothermal and energy storage technology. Storage is paramount to creating sustainable renewable energy policy that will advance green technology and protect all ratepayers from the negative effects of overproduction. This will ensure we continue to develop Nevada's rich renewable resources, creating thousands of good Nevada jobs.

Strengthening the state's clean energy standard will also provide businesses with the certainty and predictability we need to make long-term investments in Nevada. Clean energy investments can help businesses cut energy costs, avoid the volatility of fossil fuel prices, and stay competitive.

Thank you for your consideration, and please do not hesitate to call on us if we can provide additional information and share our experience as this important discussion progresses.

Thank you,

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