



The Honorable Howard Watts
Chair
Committee on Growth and Infrastructure
Nevada State Assembly
Carson City, Nevada

Re: Support for AB458, Expanding Solar Access for Low-Income Communities

Dear Chair Watts:

We are writing to thank you for introducing Assembly Bill 458 (AB458) and urge Committee members to support this legislation. AB458 is a critical step forward in expanding access to clean, affordable energy for Nevada's low-income communities. This legislation allows residents of affordable housing developments to participate in net metering, ensures that solar system operators are not subject to unnecessary regulation, and significantly expands the capacity of Nevada's community-based solar programs. These changes are key to ensuring clean energy is accessible and affordable for all Nevadans.

Chispa Nevada, a program of the League of Conservation Voters, builds the power of low-income Latine families to achieve climate justice, community health, and environmental protection. Our communities are often locked out of the benefits of clean energy—barred by high upfront costs, limited solar access for renters, and regulatory systems that weren't designed with equity in mind. AB458 corrects that injustice by leveling the playing field and making solar energy savings accessible to all.

With this bill, the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada will establish fair tariffs and contracts for solar in affordable housing, and increase the size of solar projects serving low-income customers from 1 megawatt to 5 megawatts. These changes will deliver real cost savings to families that need it most, while helping Nevada meet its clean energy goals.

AB458 is about more than solar—it's about fairness, opportunity, and resilience. It empowers residents in affordable housing to take control of their energy future, reduces harmful emissions in our communities, and makes Nevada's clean energy transition truly inclusive.

We thank you for the opportunity to share our perspective and urge the swift passage of AB458.

Sincerely,

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