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Dear Chair Watts and Members of the Committee,

Please accept this letter on behalf of the Faith Organizing Alliance (FOA). My name is Pastor Marlon Anderson, and I am the Clean Energy Community Organizer. As a faith-based nonprofit dedicated to fostering a more equitable relationship between communities and government, FOA works throughout the Las Vegas Metropolitan Area. We witness firsthand how high energy costs burden Nevada's most vulnerable families, including those living in affordable housing. I am writing to express FOA's strong support for AB458, the Solar-Powered Affordable Housing bill. This bill offers a straightforward solution to a persistent problem. Nevadans need access to clean, affordable energy regardless of where they live or their income level — especially for the African American community, which has historically faced energy and housing inequities.

For too long, barriers have prevented affordable housing complexes from installing rooftop solar and passing the savings on to residents. As energy costs continue to rise, those who can least afford it are left paying the price, often forced to choose between paying their electricity bill or other necessities like groceries, childcare, and medicine. AB458 directly addresses this issue by removing obstacles that prevent affordable housing residents from accessing the benefits of rooftop solar. I can personally attest to the difference rooftop solar can make. When I rented a single-family house equipped with solar panels, my family and I experienced real savings. While other community members I know, without solar, were hit with skyrocketing bills, we saw little to no increase. The contrast was undeniable. Nevada families living in affordable housing — including those in the African American community — deserve the same opportunity to lower their energy bills and achieve greater financial stability. AB458 also supports Nevada's economy by making solar installations more financially feasible for affordable housing developers, creating quality and local jobs while expanding workforce training opportunities in underserved communities. It's a win-win solution that will benefit families and communities across our state — especially those in the African American community who have long been overlooked in these opportunities.

I respectfully urge you to support AB458. It's time we ensure that everyone in Nevada has access to clean, affordable energy, regardless of where they live.

Thank you for your consideration, and may God bless you.

Sincerely,
Pastor Marlon Anderson
Clean Energy Community Organizer
Faith Organizing Alliance