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**Chair Nguyen and Vice Chair Pazina
Members of the Committee on Growth and Infrastructure**

RE: Support for Assembly Bill 458 – Revises provisions governing energy. (BDR 58-228)

On behalf of the Nevada Housing Coalition (NHC), I am writing to express our support for Assembly Bill 458 (AB458). This bill represents an important policy advancement that aligns with our mission to promote affordable housing solutions that are sustainable, equitable, and community rooted.

Supporting Nevada's housing system is much like bench-pressing: no one succeeds in lifting the full weight of the housing crisis alone. It takes coordination, support, and balance; each arm working in tandem with a solid foundation beneath. AB458 provides that balance by allowing solar-powered affordable housing systems to participate in net metering and expands access to clean energy for low-income tenants. This legislation removes barriers, clarifies roles, and creates a regulatory structure that enables community-based solutions to thrive.

By exempting affordable housing solar projects from certain utility regulations and ensuring tenants receive equitable energy credits, AB458 strengthens the "spotter" role of policy. Making sure our efforts don't collapse under financial or regulatory strain. It also scales the benefits of Nevada's expanded solar access program, further reducing utility costs for those who need relief most.

Housing stability and energy affordability are interlinked, and AB458 positions Nevada to lift more households toward long-term resilience. We thank Assemblymember Watts for sponsoring this legislation and urge your full support.

Together, we can press forward with policies that reduce the cost burden on families, lower carbon emissions, and strengthen Nevada's housing infrastructure for decades to come.

Sincerely,

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