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Senator Rochelle Nguyen
Senate Committee on Growth & Infrastructure
Nevada State Legislature

Re: Letter in Support of AB458 – Solar-Powered Affordable Housing

Dear Chair Nguyen and Esteemed Committee Members,

The American Institute of Architects (AIA) Nevada Chapter is the leading voice for professional architects across the state. Our members are committed to advancing sustainable design, resilient communities, and equitable access to the benefits of clean energy. We write today to express our strong support for Assembly Bill 458, which removes outdated barriers that currently prevent residents of affordable housing from benefiting from rooftop solar.

Architects play a central role in shaping the built environment, and we understand the importance of integrating energy efficiency and renewable energy into housing design from the ground up. But even the best designs cannot reach their full potential if outdated policies block implementation. Currently, many affordable housing buildings in Nevada have individually metered units, which disqualifies them from participating in shared solar programs. AB458 corrects this issue and ensures that residents in income-restricted housing can access the cost-saving benefits of rooftop solar through bill credits, just as homeowners can.

Nevada has taken steps in recent years to modernize its energy policies, and AB458 is a logical and necessary next step. With more tools and available funding available to support clean energy in housing, it's critical that Nevada's policies allow affordable housing providers to take advantage of these opportunities. AB458 provides the clarity and flexibility needed to ensure that solar is a viable option for developers and that cost-saving solutions can reach the people who need them most.

Affordable housing providers are eager to incorporate solar into their developments—not only to reduce operating costs and increase long-term affordability, but to help build healthier, more resilient communities. AB458 provides the clarity and structure they need to move forward.

As architects, we believe that every Nevadan deserves a safe, healthy, and energy-efficient home. We urge the committee to support AB458 and help ensure that solar energy and benefits it brings are within reach for all Nevadans, regardless of income or zip code.

Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation. Please don't hesitate to reach out if we can provide additional insight from the design and building perspective.

Sincerely,



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