



May 9, 2025

The Honorable Rochelle Nguyen
Chair
Committee on Growth and Infrastructure
Nevada State Senate
Carson City, Nevada

Re: Support for AB452, Fuel Cost Fairness

Dear Chair Nguyen:

We are writing to urge your Committee to swiftly pass Assembly Bill 452 (AB452), which overwhelmingly passed the Senate by a vote of 35-7. Our community believes utilities should be held accountable when it comes to the rising cost of electricity. Over the past several years, we have experienced rate increases and rate shocks that are due to volatile fuel markets and NV Energy continuing to pass these costs on to consumers in order to protect their profits. AB452 introduces much-needed fairness by examining fuel cost sharing by NV Energy.

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 while insisting on accountability from polluters and decision makers. Our families already face high energy burdens, worsened by outdated energy systems reliant on fossil fuels. When rates go up, it hits low-income communities hardest. Our communities deserve a utility system that works for people, not just shareholders.

AB452 will encourage utilities to act like the rest of us—shop around, find the best deals, and move toward more stable and local energy sources like solar and geothermal. This legislation gives the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (PUCN) the authority to open one or more investigatory dockets to examine fuel cost sharing. It will start the process to better align incentives so utilities prioritize affordability and long-term sustainability. Our members are concerned with the lack of accountability for NV Energy. AB452 is a pro-consumer bill that takes an important step to ensure proper oversight of NV Energy.

We urge Committee passage of AB452.

Sincerely,

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