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Assembly Growth & Infrastructure Committee

RE: Support for AB452 - Fuel Cost-Sharing

Dear Chair Watts, Vice Chair Carter, and Committee Members:

On behalf of Solar United Neighbors Action (SUN Action), I write to express our strong support for AB452, which would implement fuel cost-sharing requirements for NV Energy. As a 501(c)4 non-profit organization, SUN Action represents the needs and interests of solar owners and supporters both in Nevada and nationwide. We educate people so they can make confident decisions when transitioning to solar.

NV Energy currently operates with zero financial accountability for fuel costs. When market prices surge or poor purchasing decisions are made, 100% of those costs are automatically passed to ratepayers. Shareholders remain completely shielded from financial repercussions. This means there is no meaningful incentive for the utility to pursue innovative cost-reduction strategies or make prudent long-term investments.

AB452 addresses this imbalance by mandating a thorough, transparent evaluation of fuel cost practices by opening a Public Utilities Commission investigatory docket, exploring options for a cost-sharing mechanism, and assessing whether implementing such a policy is in the public interest. This would create a public forum where consumers can share the real-world impacts of unchecked utility spending. It could also shift some financial responsibility back onto the utility where it belongs.

Additionally, the bill would extend the review timelines for General Rate Cases and Integrated Resource Plans (IRPs) which would ensure that consumer advocates and commissioners finally have adequate time to identify problematic proposals before they impact Nevada families.

We are particularly supportive of the requirement that customers receive full refunds with interest when overcharged. This common-sense protection ensures that when billing errors occur, consumers are properly compensated.

Nevada families currently face some of the highest energy costs in the nation. Homeowners are forced to make painful sacrifices to keep their lights on. The situation is particularly dire for lower-income households, which spend a disproportionate portion of their income on energy. One in five Nevada households reports skipping essential needs like food or medicine to pay



utility bills. This cost burden falls disproportionately on those least able to afford it, while NV Energy's shareholders remain insulated from the risks of the company's fuel procurement decisions.

AB452 represents a practical, consumer-focused approach that would hold NV Energy accountable for its fuel purchasing decisions, ensuring the utility has a financial stake in keeping energy costs affordable for Nevada families and businesses. This legislation promotes a more accountable, transparent, and fair energy system. Solar United Neighbors Action respectfully urges your support for AB452 to benefit consumers, promote energy stability, and create proper market incentives for our state's largest utility.

Sincerely,  
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