



April 4, 2025

To: Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

Re: Support AB452

Dear Chair Watts, Vice-Chair Carter and Members of the Committee,

Mormon Women for Ethical Government is a grassroots organization dedicated to building a more peaceful, just, and ethical world through advocacy and empowerment. We are concerned about the health and economic impacts of energy availability and affordability on individuals and families in our state. We believe that governments have an obligation to be responsible stewards of the earth's resources, thereby protecting the wellbeing of their citizens. We also believe that citizens are entitled to equality of economic opportunity. For these reasons, we support AB452.

Rising energy bills are creating a heavy burden on Nevadans. Utility bills are a big part of the average family budget, and can be quite volatile due to geopolitical and weather events, as we've seen frequently with the supply of methane (natural) gas. Nevadans need as much affordability, certainty, and predictability in their utility bills as possible. Yet, when global fuel prices spike, NV Energy passes the entirety of those costs onto customers while shielding their profits from any burden. This inequitable system leaves ratepayers covering the increase, with no incentive for the utilities to decrease costs for their customers.

Utilities should be required to share in the fuel cost increases instead of passing them all to the ratepayers, who have little to no choice in their utility provider. This will incentivize the utilities to invest more in stable, locally produced energy sources such as solar and geothermal, which are not subject to the same geopolitical threats and shortages as natural gas. It will keep utility bills lower for ratepayers, especially since renewable energy costs, which have dropped significantly over the last decade, are now generally [cheaper than traditional fossil fuels](#). Because this trend is [expected to continue](#), utilities in Nevada should be incentivized to rely more heavily on these less expensive renewables instead of importing more expensive natural gas.

Thank you for your service to the citizens of Nevada. We urge you to support AB452.

Sincerely,

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