



SIERRA CLUB
TOIYABE CHAPTER

July 11, 2017

To: Committee on Energy Choice

Dear Chair and members of the committee,

On behalf of the 5,200 Sierra Club members in Nevada, I would like to thank Governor Sandoval for creating this committee, and for charging it with considering how Energy Choice can play a role in shaping the health and prosperity of Nevada communities.

Nevada's voters have spoken. They want energy choice. The task is now in your hands to assess the challenges and opportunities of a competitive energy market.

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In your work, we ask you to pursue the following:

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- Nevada-based energy production that takes advantage of Nevada's abundant, renewable resources and technologies—solar, geothermal, wind, and storage;
- Energy technologies that create stable, fair, well-paying jobs that strengthen our communities and support our hard-working families;
- Energy technologies that are cleaner for the environment, because fossil fuels are poisoning us all and the ecosystems on which we depend;
- A pathway that supports possibilities for increased Renewable Portfolio Standards and distributed energy models that improve access and choice for all communities.

We believe strongly that all of the above are possible. We know the challenges are great, but we also know the challenges are even greater trying to hold on to fossil fuel energy paradigms that are no longer practical or affordable.

We have immense potential to clean our air and water while creating cleaner, healthier, more prosperous communities. We know this is a lot to ask, but we also know you are up to the task.

Thank you for your service, and thank you for keeping voters' demand for affordable clean energy foremost in mind as you consider the changes to our energy market.

Sincerely,

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