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Mr. Kyle Davis

Chair, Technical Advisory Committee on Clean Energy Sources, New Energy Industry Task Force

Dear Mr. Davis:

We are submitting these comments on behalf of Climate Parents, a group of 50,000 parents, grandparents and family members in Nevada and across country working for climate and clean energy solutions. We encourage the Clean Energy Sources committee to recommend the following policy positions for adoption by the New Energy Industry Task Force:

- 1. The Nevada Department of Environmental Protection (NDEP) should resume its official planning for Clean Power Plan implementation. Supplemental points that could be presented by the Task Force in making this recommendation to the Sandoval Administration include:**
 - a. Moving forward on the Clean Power Plan is a tangible opportunity for Nevada to demonstrate its commitment to being a clean energy leader, and to position the state to take advantage of offerings such as the Clean Energy Incentive Program.
 - b. Nineteen states are moving forward, despite the Supreme Court stay, in developing their state plans to implement the Clean Power Plan. Those states include western states Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and California. Nevada should engage with these states and also leverage opportunities for collaboration with western neighbors.
 - c. States that choose to pause planning during the Clean Power Plan legal challenges will find themselves falling behind states that are embracing clean energy, and reaping benefits like good jobs, cleaner air, and better health. The demand for low-carbon energy is growing quickly, and will only get stronger as technologies advance, prices come down, and supportive policies are enacted.
 - d. Our kids can't afford any delay in bold climate and clean energy action.
 - e. Even if the challenges to the Clean Power Plan prevail (which is not expected), time spent planning for clean energy generation to meet Nevada's growing demand for electricity will be time well spent.
 - f. In developing a Nevada Clean Power Plan, NDEP should approach the easy-to-reach emissions reduction target as a floor not ceiling, and should prioritize deployment of energy efficiency and renewable energy in its plan.

2. Nevada should establish a program to provide for low-income energy efficiency programs, along the lines of New Mexico's program (including a requirement that utilities spend 3% of revenues on energy efficiency measures for low-income ratepayers).
3. Nevada should enact programs that help make renewable energy accessible for all, including community solar authorizing legislation that provides a carve-out for low-income residents, who are disproportionately harmed by pollution from dirty energy sources.
4. As Tesla's new battery factory readies for large-scale production, it's time for Nevada to become a national leader in electric vehicle promotion. The Task Force should recommend legislation designed to incentivize purchase and lease of electric vehicles, along the lines of existing and proposed legislation in California (robust incentive programs, programs aimed at getting businesses and municipalities to convert their fleets to electric cars, a zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) standard, etc.

We commend the Technical Advisory Committee on Clean Energy Sources for pushing Nevada to pursue bold clean energy goals, and thank you for your consideration of these recommendations to the full New Energy Industry Task Force.

Sincerely,

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