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To: Governor Steve Sisolak  
Public Utilities Commission of Nevada  
Nevada Governor's Office of Energy  
Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development  
Colorado River Commission  
Nevada State Climate Policy Coordinator  
Bureau of Land Management, Nevada State Office

On behalf of the Nevada State Land Use Planning Advisory Council (SLUPAC), I am writing this letter to provide SLUPAC's support of concept for the smart-from-the-start approach for energy planning. This approach guides renewable energy development where appropriate to lands that are already impacted, close to existing transmission corridors, and away from important working lands and sensitive resources.

At our recent meeting in March, the SLUPAC had a robust discussion on the need to better balance future energy development with land use planning. Nevada's population and economy are projected to grow significantly. As a direct result, Nevada will experience higher demand for land to support energy production infrastructure which, in turn, will lead to greater land use conflicts across the state.

Cooperation between Federal, State, Tribal, Local Governments and other stakeholders is critical. Because of the sensitivity of cultural, wildlife, natural habitat, agriculture, water and many other factors, effort must be made to coordinate with the agencies listed above in order to protect and preserve the resources of the State while providing for the future needs of its residents. We advocate for Nevada's counties and Tribal Nations to have active engagement and a primary role in this process consistent with their local plans and policies.

SLUPAC appreciates the opportunity to review the concept of renewable energy development and looks forward to continue working to create sound land use planning policies and practices throughout Nevada. If there are any questions or requests for additional information concerning SLUPAC, please feel free to contact Scott Carey, State Lands Planner at 775-684-2723.

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