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Marci Henson, Director
 Clark County Department of Environment and Sustainability
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RE: Support for Clark County's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant

Director Henson,

We write in strong support of Clark County's application for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant's competitive implementation funds. Clark County's *All-In* Home and Building Improvement Hub will enhance the comfort of residents' homes, improve housing affordability, lower energy bills, and decrease harmful pollutants. These benefits will particularly improve the lives of families in low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDAC) in Southern Nevada.

The communities we serve are struggling to keep their homes cool and comfortable during the extreme heat of summer months and to keep warm in the winter months, especially in the face of recent increases in the cost of energy. Families have made heart-breaking choices between keeping their homes

comfortable and other essential needs, including food and medicine, particularly in historically underserved communities with older homes that lack the weatherization and technology to withstand extreme temperatures. LIDAC residents often don't have the financial means to make improvements to their homes that will decrease their energy burden, resulting in ongoing economic, health, and environmental costs. This program will provide the much-needed, holistic services and funding to help our highest-need populations access home improvements and ultimately improve their quality of life.

In collaboration with the coalition members and community partners, Clark County has the experience and support needed to implement this forward-looking program. The development of their *All-In* climate plan incorporated community feedback and highlighted the critical role of buildings in reducing emissions. With the state taking action to reduce transportation and energy emissions, Clark County's focus on building improvements is a welcome strategic addition to meeting the state's climate pollution reduction goals.

The Hub will fill a critical gap in Southern Nevada. With so many incentives available, residents will benefit from expert energy concierges who can identify the building improvements for their homes and applicable funding sources, including rebates, tax credits, grants, and loans through the Nevada Clean Energy Fund. Since existing incentives won't fully fund the efficiency and electrification upgrades, dedicating 80 percent of funds to fill the remaining gaps will ensure these projects actually become a reality for those who will benefit the most.

The undersigned organizations advocate for clean energy and climate solutions in Nevada, and collectively represent tens of thousands of Nevadans as members and supporters. Our organizations share a commitment to improving energy efficiency and building decarbonization in Southern Nevada. The Home and Building Improvement Hub will advance these goals, and we look forward to continued partnership in deploying this program to improve the lives of so many residents.

Sincerely,

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