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Governor Joseph Lombardo
101 N. Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

June 7, 2023

Re: Veto Request for Assembly Bill 524

Dear Governor Lombardo,

Assembly Bill 524, which passed the Nevada legislature on June 5th, makes changes to Nevada's integrated resource planning ("IRP") process, the legally mandated process through which Nevada's investor-owned utility, NV Energy, creates a long-term plan to serve Nevadans. Interwest Energy Alliance and Advanced Energy United, each representatives of companies in the utility-scale renewable energy and clean energy economy industries, support needed reforms to Nevada's IRP process. Our industry advocates in forums across the West for **competitive procurement of electricity generation resources** in IRPs, which includes advocating for core principles of fair, transparent, competitive, and predictable processes that consider all resource and ownership types.

An amendment added to AB 524 on June 3rd directs NV Energy to include at least one plan in its regular IRP filings that provides for a "significant share of the renewable energy facilities and energy storage systems" to be owned by NV Energy. Allowing the utility the option of building its own generation before even entertaining options to contract with outside producers creates a "tunnel vision" that is ultimately anticompetitive and may harm Nevada ratepayers.

Favoring any one ownership model over another is contrary to the core principles of good electricity generation resource procurement that the industry regularly supports. Doing so is also contrary to implementing strong integrated resource planning practices in Nevada.

We respectfully ask that you veto AB 524.

Sincerely,

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