



TO: Joint Assembly and Senate Growth and Infrastructure Committees
FROM: Toiyabe Chapter of the Sierra Club
RE: Support for SB254
DATE: March 12, 2019

On behalf of more than 30,000 Sierra Club members and supporters in Nevada, we are grateful for your leadership in introducing and considering SB254. We strongly support this bill.

Sierra Club supports SB254 because it's time to act. Our planet's disrupted climate is a global challenge that threatens every human in one way or another. Here in Nevada, Reno is the fastest-heating city in the country, and Las Vegas is not far behind. We also face increasing droughts, heat waves, severe storms, decreasing agricultural productivity, more frequent and severe wildfires, a broader geographic reach and season for many diseases, declining snowpack and water availability, and the decline in the availability of coffee and other essentials.

In facing this challenge, the axiom "think globally, act locally" is accurate. We don't have much control over the actions of China, India, Brasil, or even our own federal government. But we can act to address our greenhouse gas contributions right here in Nevada.

This bill takes an important first step of reducing our contribution to the challenge by identifying the sources of our emissions locally and by producing an annual report on these sources and pathways for reduction. We encourage state leaders to also provide regulations to require reductions across all these sectors.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne Macquarie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Anne Macquarie
Chair, Executive Committee
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