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RE: Oppose SB 84 Community Solar Act

Mr./Madame Chair and Committee Members:

The New Mexico Business Coalition (NMBC) represents hundreds of businesses and thousands of New Mexicans. Our focus is to make New Mexico a better place to do business so that New Mexicans have jobs and can provide for their families.

NMBC respectfully opposes SB 84 Community Solar Act because it is an outdated initiative that only serves to further complicate the implementation of the Energy Transition Act requirements. New Mexico already has strict guidelines for moving to clean energy which already has several challenging requirements and the state and energy producers do not need this Act to further complicate matters.

The bill has now been amended to remove the requirement of regulation of Community Solar facilities, which puts the users, subscribers and the public at risk. Without proper regulation, lives can be at risk. In addition, it's important to have oversight on the charges and billing from these facilities.

The biggest concern of SB 84 is the impact of subsidization on low income and fixed income ratepayers who are not recipients of that subsidization. Subsidization of rates for some requires raising rates for others. There are many who simply can't afford to pay higher utility rates for the benefit of others when they are currently struggling to pay their electric bills.

On behalf of hard working New Mexicans and the businesses that need assistance amid this economic downturn, we urge you to say 'NO' to HB 20.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Carla J. Sonntag".

Carla J. Sonntag
President