

Chairman Porter and Members of the Committee,

My name is James Leiman and I serve as the Commissioner of Commerce as well as Chairman of the EmPower Commission. On behalf of both organizations, I am here to testify in support of this legislation. Given the regulatory as well as financial dynamics that currently impact the energy sector, this bill is one of many steps the legislature is taking to create a clean energy economy as well as new value-added production opportunities. In lieu of echoing those that have testified in support of this legislation before me, I will keep it short and testify in support. Thank you.