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Texas House of Representatives
1100 Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas 78701

Members of the Texas House,

With over 50 partners representing local chambers of commerce, business associations, economic development boards, and academia, Power Up Texas exists to promote the benefits of expanding access to clean, renewable energy. As such, we are grateful for the Texas House's efforts this session to bolster grid reliability, keep costs low for consumers, and treat all of our state's energy resources equitably.

Clean power plants help serve the state's growing population and industries and are helping facilitate the growth of traditional and emerging energy sectors. Legislation that harms these energy resources harms our local economies by limiting investment and affordable power options for industry. We are compelled, therefore, to express strong opposition to the radical Senate amendments to House Bill 1500 that we believe will be detrimental not only to our communities, but to every Texan as our grid's reliability is significantly threatened.

The Senate amendments proposed for HB 1500 leave the fate of affordable power, private property rights, and economic prosperity hanging in the balance. If this bill passes with the Senate's amendments, landowners will have their private property rights trampled, local economies will suffer from the loss of valuable tax revenue, industrial and manufacturing companies will lose affordable clean power options, and anticipated investments of many kinds will likely fall by the wayside.

These policies will not only jeopardize future opportunities for investment in clean, affordable energy, but many existing projects as well, meaning power purchase agreements with corporate offtakers are in peril, as well as the ability of school districts to service bond debt obligations entered into in anticipation of long-term revenue. Additionally, members of our communities already feel the impacts of sky-rocking electricity prices. If punitive proposals against renewable energy advance during the legislative session, we fear that your constituents will no longer be able to afford their electric bills.

For these reasons, we urge you to oppose the severely misguided proposals included in the Senate amendments for House Bill 1500.

Thank you for your tireless work on behalf of the citizens of Texas, and we appreciate your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

Members of Power Up Texas



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