

Arguments Submitted “Against” C-04-2018

Vote NO! Keep electricity prices low

Arizona voters: Beware!

California billionaire Tom Steyer thinks you don't pay enough for electricity. Under the guise of “green energy,” he's spending millions to trick you into amending the Arizona Constitution with heavy-handed regulations that match those in California ... where electricity is 50% more expensive than here in Arizona. If his proposal passes, experts say it will double electricity rates for the typical Arizona family. The added cost would average \$1,200 per year – and much more for many families. This is a burden families cannot afford. It amounts to a new energy tax on consumers and businesses. An economic-impact study by ASU found the initiative will kill thousands of jobs, reduce the earnings of Arizona workers and weaken our economy just as many people are recovering from the Great Recession. Arizona public schools will also be hurt. The increased price of electricity will mean hundreds of millions of dollars each year in added costs to heat and cool classrooms. This is money better spent improving teacher pay, reducing classroom sizes and making sure students have the textbooks, equipment and technology they need. Don't be fooled – this initiative will do nothing to reduce pollution or improve public health. An independent analysis found the proposal will have “no effect at all” on air pollution for most Arizona families and “no measurable impact on asthma rates” and other illnesses. Ironically, the proposal will force the closure of Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, the nation's largest source of clean, sustainable electricity. Arizona is making progress on clean energy, but let's be smart. Keep California-style regulations OUT of our Arizona Constitution. VOTE NO on the energy initiative.

Matthew Benson, Arizonans for Affordable Electricity, Phoenix

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A liberal San Francisco billionaire and his group – NextGen America – are funding this ballot initiative. Of course, this mandate won't affect the backers of the measure, since NextGen is a California-based organization funded by liberal billionaire Tom Steyer. It doesn't matter to him or NextGen that draconian renewable energy mandates will harm hardworking families and small businesses in Arizona. They like the idea that rural communities will pay a steep price as a result of sky high energy prices and hefty job losses due to the shuttering of Arizona's coal power plants. The intellectual dishonesty surrounding this measure is offensive. Making the initiative even more destructive is that it does NOT include nuclear power. This means that one of our most reliable, sustainable and clean sources of power (Palo Verde Nuclear Generating station) would not count toward the mandate. Additionally, Compliance with the 50 percent mandate is anticipated to result in an average utility rate increase of \$1,250 per year for Arizona families. Just as absurd, the language exempts SRP (Arizona's largest carbon-emitting utility) from the energy mandate. This is grossly unfair, and likely was done to reduce their political opposition at the ballot box. The reality is this measure isn't about improving our environment or making Arizona healthier. This is a power play by wealthy California interests that see our state

as an easy target for their liberal ideas. To them, spending a couple million dollars sneaking their renewable mandate into Arizona's constitution is a drop in the bucket compared to the hundreds of millions Steyer has spent the last two election. NextGen doesn't have any real grassroots support, so they have brought in an out of state consultants to help pass the measure. We urge Arizona residents to tell NextGen to take their liberal ideas back

Scot Mussi, President, Arizona Free Enterprise Club, Phoenix
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This amendment to Arizona's Constitution would place unreasonable mandates on Arizona communities, and is not aligned with Arizona's previously established renewable energy goals, which Arizona is on track to meet. If passed, the measure would dramatically harm Arizona's competitiveness, put our utilities' reliable delivery of power at risk, and would send the wrong message about Arizona's economic development environment. If this mandate were to be enshrined in the state constitution, it would mean dramatically higher energy prices – estimates are that corporate and industrial rates would rise over 100 percent, and residential ratepayers would see an average annual increase of \$1,250 – which would create a significant drag on the overall economy and reduce the state's competitive standing. The proposed standards undermine the current energy structure, which is built upon facilities such as the Palo Verde nuclear plant. Palo Verde is the country's largest supplier of carbon-free energy and employs over 3,000 Arizona workers, but its contributions to Arizona's energy portfolio would not count toward the initiative's proposed mandates. The mandates would also force Arizona residents to pay hundreds of millions of dollars for the construction of new, carbon-emitting natural gas plants that would be necessary to generate electricity when the sun is not shining and wind is not blowing. The initiative would require that 20 percent of utilities' renewable generation come from rooftop solar, which is the most expensive and least efficient form of solar. VOTE NO ON PROPXXX.

Glenn Hamer, President & CEO, Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Phoenix
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As a Democrat, I recognize my opposition to this initiative puts me at odds with some of my colleagues. We all share a common goal of cleaner air and increased reliance on renewable energy, but it's important we do it the right way. That means bringing everyone together so we can create an Arizona energy plan that works for Arizona families. It's notable that this initiative is anything but an Arizona product. This proposal is being forced on our voters by somebody who has no one's interests in mind but his own. He and his political strategists have created this initiative as a mirror image of a regulation already adopted in their home state. But I don't believe a California plan is necessarily the right fit for Arizona. Arizonans should be careful. If voters approve this initiative, it will be locked into the Arizona Constitution and virtually impossible for policymakers to make corrections or account for changes in technology or the marketplace. Arizona families will get stuck paying the bill for generations to come. VOTE NO ON PROPXXX.

Cesar Chavez, State Representative, Phoenix, Arizona House of Representatives, Phoenix
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As an elected official, I have a responsibility to protect my constituents from unaffordable electric rates and unreliable electric service, both of which are likely outcomes should this initiative pass. The initiative would force utilities to pay higher costs for renewable energy, which by law would be passed on to you, the consumer. In addition, because renewable energy is less reliable than conventional energy, the initiative's unusually high and inflexible 50% renewables mandate would destabilize the electric grid, potentially subjecting us to brownouts and blackouts. The high electric costs that the initiative would create would also have a negative impact on manufacturing and retail businesses throughout Arizona, which would hurt economic development and cost Arizona jobs – maybe your job or the job of a family member. Arizona already has a renewable energy mandate in line with what many states have adopted. In addition, as renewable energy becomes more affordable to produce and reliable to deliver, that mandate will be increased. Renewable energy is the future and Arizona will get there. But we need to be guided by what is in our own best interests and not the interests of out-of-state activists, who will not suffer from the negative effects that rushing into an excessively high renewable energy mandate will create.

John Kavanagh, State Senator, Fountain Hills, Arizona State Senate, Fountain Hills
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The energy ballot initiative is counterproductive to the strategies the East Valley Partnership has employed to promote and create growth, economic development and opportunity for PHX East Valley businesses and families. At the same time businesses are fleeing from California's unwelcoming regulatory environment, outside interests are spending a small fortune in Arizona to pass a mirror image of what's already the law in California. Arizona currently is on track to meet its own renewable energy goals – and is investing significantly in energy storage and other clean technologies in a way that fosters job growth, supports businesses and protects families from sky-high utility bills. If approved, this initiative would mandate in the Arizona Constitution that public utilities obtain at least 50 percent of their power from renewable sources by 2030, not including nuclear. Studies show this would cost Arizona thousands of jobs, devastate our state economy and double the monthly electricity bill for the average Arizona family – all while having little to no impact on improving air quality or public health. This initiative runs counter to our mission to advance the PHX East Valley's position as one of the most vibrant and innovative growth centers in the nation. That's why we're joining business and community leaders across Arizona in voting NO on this costly initiative.

Denny Barney, President & CEO, East Valley Partnership, Mesa
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Flagstaff voters beware: California billionaire Tom Steyer is parachuting into Arizona and spending millions of dollars to bring California's expensive, burdensome and overreaching

energy regulations to Arizona. Under the guise of “Clean Energy,” Steyer, who made his fortune in coal, is pushing a proposal that would change the Arizona Constitution and mandate that public utilities derive at least 50 percent of their power from renewable sources (not including nuclear) by 2030. If approved, studies show this onerous, costly proposal will double electricity rates for the typical Arizona family. The added price tag would average \$1,200 per year. Rural Arizonans, particularly our friends and neighbors in northern Arizona, will pay a stiff price as the initiative could force the closure of Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station – our nation’s largest producer of reliable clean energy, our state’s single largest taxpayer and a vital Arizona employer. Passing this initiative is a mistake we cannot afford to make. On behalf of Flagstaff families, small business owners and future economic development, the additional costs are a burden we cannot bear and we therefore oppose this energy initiative. Keep California laws in California.

Julie Pastrick, President & CEO, Greater Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce, Flagstaff
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This ballot initiative would impose an inflexible renewable energy mandate that would raise electricity costs for IBEW members and Arizona families. One estimate found that utility rates would double for the average household, which concerns us greatly at a time when many families continue to struggle. Economically, a recent analysis by the Seidman Research Institute at Arizona State University indicated this initiative would cost thousands of Arizona jobs. Simply put, working families represented by IBEW Local 387 would be hurt by this proposal. This initiative is NOT an Arizona idea. A California billionaire and environmental activist named Tom Steyer is spending millions of dollars in an attempt to fool Arizona voters into locking California energy policy into our State Constitution. It’s worth noting that California utility bills are 50% more expensive than our own. For these reasons, IBEW Local 387 strongly opposes the “Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona” ballot measure.

G. David Vandever, Business Manager, IBEW Local 387, Phoenix
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Make no mistake: this California-conceived energy initiative is not about improving our air quality or making Arizona a healthier place to live. In fact, study after study has shown that – not only will this proposal do more harm than good for the environment – it will also result in lost jobs, cause irreparable economic damage and hurt hardworking Arizona families and business owners – including the industry men and women we represent. Rural Arizonans in particular will pay a steep price as power plants throughout the state will be forced to close if this initiative is approved. That includes Palo Verde Generating Station – one of our most reliable and sustainable clean sources of power, a critical employer of thousands and Arizona’s single largest taxpayer. San Francisco billionaire Tom Steyer is spending millions of dollars to influence our elections and make Arizona’s regulatory environment more like California’s, where electricity rates are 50 percent higher than they are here. We are proud to be among the growing coalition of Arizona organizations banding together to tell Steyer: Arizona is NOT for sale. Please join us in rejecting this costly initiative. Vote no on Prop. XXX.

Bas Aja, Executive Vice President, Arizona Cattle Feeders' Association, Phoenix
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We have a California billionaire dumping millions of dollars into our state, seeking to pass an initiative that would devastate our economy and slam the brakes on the prosperity and growth that we are enjoying under Governor Ducey. The Clean Energy Initiative is the brainchild of leftwing Californian Tom Steyer, who has pledged to spend over \$25 million in Arizona in an attempt to force his agenda down the throats of Arizona taxpayers and voters. Independent analysts have concluded that the Steyer initiative would burden Arizona with a tremendously costly mandate which would directly result in a massive spike in electricity bills, particularly on lower-income Arizonans. Further, the initiative would require Arizona utilities to shut down power plants that have been providing safe, affordable, and reliable energy for decades, costing taxpayers tens of millions of dollars in lost tax revenue and hundreds of high-paying jobs. Arizona Republicans are united: we are not going to allow our state to become a playground for a California billionaire. Tom Steyer is a bully who may be used to getting his way, but Arizona Republicans are fighting back. Tom Steyer may have more money, but we have the grassroots energy and the determination to stop this disastrous initiative before it can harm Arizonans. VOTE NO ON PROPXXX.

Jonathan Lines, Chairman, Arizona Republican Party, Phoenix
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What good is renewable energy if it comes at a crippling cost to Arizona families? As a Democratic legislator, that's the question I find myself asking now that a statewide initiative is on the November ballot. Arizona voters are being asked to enshrine in our Arizona Constitution an inflexible mandate that public utilities derive at least 50 percent of their power from renewable sources by 2030. That sounds great – until you get to the details. The costs of this initiative would be passed along to ratepayers: Arizona families. That amounts to a massive new tax on electricity – and one that would be simply too much for many families to bear. Consider that the median household income in Arizona is just over \$50,000 a year, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Nearly one in five Arizonans live in poverty. I'm especially concerned about the working class and largely Latino neighborhoods I represent across south Phoenix and the West Valley. Low-and fixed-income families are struggling as it is. We all support renewable energy, but we need to pursue more thoughtful policies that protect Arizona families. VOTE NO ON PROPXXX.

Robert Meza, State Senator, Phoenix, Arizona State Senate, Mesa
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Placing renewable energy mandates in the Arizona Constitution is irresponsible and wrong. The measure is simply bad for the Arizona economy. It would require utility companies to obtain 50% of their energy from renewable sources by 2030, which means higher utility bills for

Arizona families and businesses. We want Arizona to continue to be a place people want to locate and visit. Vote no on Prop. XXX.

Kim Sabow, President & CEO, Arizona Lodging and Tourism Association, Phoenix
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Everyone supports clean energy, but Arizona families and employers need power that is also reliable and affordable. The ‘Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona’ initiative fails this all-important test. The ballot measure mirrors energy regulations already enacted in California, where electricity rates are 50 percent higher than Arizona. This would create a hardship for small businesses and higher costs for consumers. Indeed, an economic-impact study by ASU found the initiative would cost thousands of jobs. These should be red flags for anyone considering supporting this proposal. Ironically, my own energy-efficiency company – Occam Sustainability Partners – might actually see increased business if the initiative were passed into law. However, I cannot ignore the damage this measure would have on Arizona’s economy. Renewable energy may be the future, but it must be done right. That means an Arizona-based plan that takes into account Arizona’s unique needs – not regulations cut-and-pasted from California law. Please join the Black Chamber of Arizona in opposing this initiative.

Robin Reed, President & CEO, Black Chamber of Arizona, Phoenix
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California billionaire Tom Steyer is trying to convince Arizonans that we need a costly new renewable energy mandate. The innocuously titled “Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona” mandate would amend the Arizona Constitution to require that utilities derive half of their electricity from renewable sources, such as solar and wind, by 2030—a drastic increase from Arizona’s current 15 percent renewable energy goal. Currently, Arizona utilities operate with a mixture of renewable energy, carbon-free nuclear power, and natural gas. The debate is not whether we should or should not be looking to renewable energy for our state’s future—the issue is with forcing Arizona’s taxpayers to implement a program that is not fiscally sound. A recent study conducted by Arizona State University’s Seidman Research Institute yielded concerning consequences if the Clean Energy mandate passes: a \$72.5 billion loss in Gross State Product, a \$42.6 billion in loss of disposable personal income, a loss of 547,000 job years over the 43 year time horizon, a \$3.5 billion loss in state taxes, and a \$2.30 billion loss in local tax. Perhaps the most disturbing consequence is the impact on Arizona’s schools. Aside from school districts paying almost double for electricity, they stand to lose more than \$858 million in property tax revenues. Ultimately, of course, Arizona taxpayers would be forced to make up this difference in revenue, devastating our state’s already fragile economy. Vote NO on Prop XXX”

Victor Riches, President & CEO, Goldwater Institute, Phoenix
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Affordable, reliable energy is critically important to Southern Arizona families and small-business owners. That’s why the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is OPPOSING the ‘Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona’ initiative. If approved by voters, this misnamed proposal

will mean dramatically higher electricity costs for residential homes and our small businesses. TEP estimates an average \$500 annual increase on every home and more than \$3400 annually for a typical business! This will also result in the closure of the nation's largest source of emissions-free power: Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station. We want our community to know that California billionaire, political activist Tom Steyer's initiative will bring to Arizona the same energy regulations already in place in California, where electricity rates are 50 percent higher than our own. Our Chamber is generally opposed to outside groups leading citizen initiatives that modify Arizona's constitution without regard to the impact on Arizona's residents. This is the last thing our economy needs. Our local Tucson Electric Power is already making significant investments in renewable power, and has nearly doubled the output required under the current Arizona Renewable Energy Standard. TEP expects to add another 800 MW of renewable capacity by 2030, and is investing significantly in energy storage and other clean technologies. This is the smart way to ensure Tucson families have access to energy that is clean, reliable and affordable. On behalf of the business owners and employers who make up the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, we urge Southern Arizona voters to join us in VOTING NO on this initiative.

Laura Paredes Oldaker, Chairwoman, Tucson Hispanic Chamber, Tucson
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As a lawmaker from Southern Arizona, I am committed to protecting Arizona ratepayers from this initiative that seeks to place unrealistic renewable mandates on Arizona public utilities and is funded by California billionaire Tom Steyer. The consequences of complying with these unrealistic mandates would be catastrophic to Arizona – electric bills would skyrocket, tens of millions of dollars in tax revenue would be lost, thousands of jobs would go away, Arizonans would be forced to spend hundreds of millions of dollars to construct new power plants, and the state's economic competitiveness would be severely jeopardized. I'm proud to stand up for Arizonans by standing up to California billionaire Tom Steyer and telling him: Arizona's constitution is not for sale! VOTE NO ON PROPXXX.

Vince Leach, State Representative, SaddleBrooke, Arizona House of Representatives, Tucson
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As the leading business voice of Greater Yuma, we join chambers and economic development champions across the state in opposing the costly and unnecessary energy ballot initiative. As we work to advocate for business owners and families throughout the region to keep taxes low, government small and improve quality of life for all, California billionaire Tom Steyer is spending millions to impose expensive, job-killing energy regulations that will hurt Yuma families, cost jobs and weaken our ability to compete in the national and global economy. Voter approval of this initiative would mandate in the Arizona Constitution that public utilities derive at least half of their energy from renewable sources – excluding nuclear – by 2030. For Arizona, this amounts to higher utility bills (it's estimated monthly energy bills will double for the average household), lost jobs and revenue, and a less reliable and affordable energy future. This

type of policy should not be decided at the ballot box, and it should not come from out-of-state political activists at the expense of Yuma families and businesses. VOTE NO on this initiative!

John Courtis, Executive Director, Yuma County Chamber of Commerce, Yuma
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On behalf of the community, business and education leaders that make the West Valley a premier place to live, work and start a business, we firmly reject the costly energy initiative being led by a California billionaire. As we work to create and support pro-growth policies that enhance economic development, opportunity and quality of life in our communities, this proposal represents a major step backward for West Valley businesses and families. We understand and embrace the need for a dynamic and reliable energy portfolio, and we're proud that Arizona is on track to meet our previously established renewable energy goals. But the mandates in this initiative – a mirror image of the regulations that continue to drive businesses out of California – will only serve to discourage business growth, hurt ratepayers and threaten the affordability and stability of Arizona's energy future. This is bad for families, bad for the economy, bad for the West Valley and wrong for Arizona. Arizona is NOT FOR SALE. Vote no on Prop. XXX.

Sintra Hoffman, President & CEO, WESTMARC, Glendale
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Steyer's "Clean Energy" Initiative is Bad for Taxpayers.

In 2000, a multi-millionaire from Texas decided to use Arizona as his personal Guinea pig to advance a statewide ballot initiative in Prop 107 that would have devastated Arizona's public finance system. Like Prop 107, the Arizona Tax Research Association (ATRA) strongly opposes Tom Steyer's meddling with Arizona policymaking. The initiative will have a profound impact on the capital investment and production costs for Arizona utilities which will require significant rate increases on customers. It will impact Arizona's public finance system significantly— both in the taxes public utilities pay to state and local government as well as increased costs for utilities for Arizona governments. The loss in property tax revenue will likely result in a combination of budget cuts and increased property tax rates on homeowners and businesses.

Bad for K-12 Schools and Local Government:

In addition to significantly increasing utility costs on Arizona homeowners and businesses, it will also drive up utility costs for state and local governments. Utility costs for K-12 schools are estimated to double by 2030. In the APS service territory alone, the cost to K-12 budgets are estimated to climb \$50 million annually by 2030. With budgets limited by state law, these increases will come at the expense of other priorities like teacher pay and student-teacher ratios. Utility increases for other local governments like counties, cities and community colleges could easily result in tax increases— further aggravating the economic damage of the initiative.

The on-going effort to diversify our energy portfolio in Arizona should not be advanced in isolation of its impact on the Arizona economy, Arizona taxpayers, and Arizona local governments. This extraordinarily irresponsible effort should be rejected by all Arizonans.

Kevin McCarthy, President, Arizona Tax Research Association, Gilbert
Sponsored by Arizona Tax Research Association

The renewable energy proposal isn't about being for or against environmental issues. It isn't about corporations or politics. It's about the proposed thresholds being poorly analyzed and the Arizona economy being harmed as a result. The 50% renewable requirement by 2030 is inconsistent with how the economy creates jobs and generates income. Things work best when a proper balance is found between taxing and spending. When we spend it needs to be on productive inputs like education, roads, and public safety, among many other things. The initiative would have the same impact as a massive tax increase, but we would get nothing new in return. The state's energy infrastructure already works well. Replacing something that currently works when we have limited resources and needs in other areas is bad public policy. This is the most wasteful economic proposal I have seen in my 20 years working as an economist. We can indeed analyze this issue properly in the coming years and create policy that benefits everybody. This initiative is not the solution.

Jim Rounds, President, Rounds Consulting Group, Tempe
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Valley Partnership, a premier leader in Arizona real estate development, strongly opposes the "Clean Energy" ballot initiative. This measure – created by Bay Area hedge-fund billionaire Tom Steyer – is a carbon copy of energy policy already on the books in California, where electricity costs are 50 percent higher than they are in our state of Arizona. If approved, Arizona's Constitution will be amended with job-killing, rate-raising mandates that will double residential, commercial, and industrial energy costs. This will hurt families, harm industry, and weaken our economy. It is no accident California residents and businesses are fleeing the Golden State for the Grand Canyon State; continually rising housing prices and an unwelcoming business environment have helped make California one of the most unaffordable states in the country to make a living. There is not an example we should aspire to follow or support. Arizona is making progress when it comes to renewable energy, and we're doing it on our own terms – in a way that promotes growth, protects hardworking Arizonans and moves our economy forward in a responsible manner. This initiative would be an irresponsible and irreversible step in the wrong direction.

Cheryl Lombard, Esq., President & CEO, Valley Partnership, Phoenix
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As a longtime rancher and representative of rural Arizona, I know firsthand how hard the people of my district work to make ends meet. Constituents in areas I represent would be hardest hit by the massive cost of complying with the so-called "Clean Energy" initiative – residential bills would double, power plants would close, and the state's economic competitiveness would be severely weakened. We shouldn't allow a California billionaire to circumvent Arizona's structure for regulating utilities, which has provided Arizona residents with some of the safest,

most reliable, and affordable energy in the country for over 100 years. Arizonans should reject the effort of out-of-state interests to force economically devastating energy policy on our families and businesses. I encourage all Arizonans to vote no on Prop XXX.

David Cook, State Representative, Globe, Arizona House of Representatives, Globe
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The Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce strongly opposes a ballot initiative that would raise energy costs on Arizona families, kill thousands of jobs and inflict significant damage upon our local and state economy. The so-called “Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona” initiative – led and financed by San Francisco billionaire and political activist Tom Steyer – would mandate in the Arizona Constitution that public utilities derive at least half of their power from renewable resources by 2030. If approved, these inflexible mandates will mean increased electricity bills – approximately \$1,200 in added costs each year for the average family. Higher energy bills hurt employers and are a drag on the economy. Most devastating to those of us in the West Valley, experts say passage of the initiative will force the closure of Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, as the proposal doesn’t consider emissions-free nuclear a ‘clean’ energy source. Palo Verde employs thousands of workers, many of whom live in our community, and is the nation’s largest provider of carbon-free electricity. The Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce is proud to join community and business leaders across Arizona in urging voters to oppose the energy initiative. Protect Arizona families. Protect Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station.

Deanna Kupcik, President & CEO, Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce, Buckeye
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The Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce stands with Arizona’s business leaders and hardworking families in firm opposition to the “Clean Energy” ballot proposal. This initiative, filed by an out-of-state group funded primarily by California billionaire Tom Steyer, would amend Arizona’s State Constitution to require that public utility companies obtain half of their energy from renewable sources in less than twelve years’ time. If approved, these mandates will cost Arizona thousands of jobs, double energy costs for the average family and weaken Arizona’s economic competitiveness. The Greater Phoenix region has one of the largest sources of clean energy in the country. Putting that needed and reliable energy supply at risk is not in the best interest of the state. Further, the Arizona Constitution is not the place to mandate regulatory energy policies that cannot be modified without going back to the voters for the simplest of changes. If we approve these costly regulations, we’ll be stuck paying the price for generations to come. The Chambers urges voters to see through this so called “Clean Energy” amendment and leave Arizona energy policy in the hands of those who know it best – Arizonans.

Todd Sanders, President & CEO, Greater Phoenix Chamber, Phoenix
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I have a proud and proven history of fighting for my constituents. I also know bad policy when I see it – and Tom Steyer’s “Clean Energy” scheme is the Trojan horse of ballot initiatives. Don’t be deceived by the name; experts have found it will have virtually no impact on air quality, asthma rates or ER visits. It will, however, have a devastating impact on Arizona jobs, families and the state economy. This initiative was made in California, by California – and it’s being brazenly peddled by a San Francisco billionaire with a political agenda. If approved, the measure will enshrine in Arizona’s Constitution burdensome and binding energy regulations that mirror those in California – where electricity rates are 50 percent higher than in Arizona. The typical Arizona household will see its monthly utility bill double – amounting to an added \$1,200 blow annually to the average family’s checkbook. This is an expense families in my district – many of whom are on fixed incomes – simply cannot afford. The measure will weaken our economy – killing jobs, reducing earnings and costing crucial revenue to the state. Public education will be among the hardest hit, as hundreds of millions of dollars that should be going to teachers and classroom learning will now be spent on heating and cooling our schools. As a former Arizona state legislator – and a current member of the U.S. House Subcommittee on Environment – I understand the recklessness of placing technological constraints within the Constitution. Energy policy should not be set via the ballot box – least of all policy that will hurt Arizona for generations to come. I have a responsibility to protect the constituents of my district and the people of Arizona. That’s why I’m voting NO on this costly, bad-for-Arizona proposal.

Debbie Lesko, Congresswoman, United States House of Representatives, Peoria
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This initiative will raise rates on everyone and I personally urge you to vote against it. It sounds nice to require utilities to install massive amounts of “green energy” sources, but those sources must be backed up by existing sources because solar and wind are not 100 percent reliable. Utilities are guaranteed by law to recoup their investments. The money invested in these massive projects will come out of your pocket, not the utilities’ pockets. Please do not vote in favor because we won’t like the high costs it will place on all of us.

Russell McCloud, Supervisor, Yuma County, Yuma
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The La Paz Economic Development Corporation strongly opposes the ballot initiative from California billionaire Tom Steyer. The renewable energy mandates would be devastating to the Arizona economy. I urge you to support your local Arizona utility providers and vote no on the initiative.

Vincent “Skip” Becker, President and CEO, La Paz Economic Development Corporation, Parker
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As a state elected official and small business owner, I have a tested track record of supporting pro-growth, fiscally-responsible policies that strengthen Arizona's business climate and move our economy forward. The "Clean Energy" ballot initiative does not fit the bill. In fact, if approved, the proposal will weaken Arizona's economic standing for generations to come – costing thousands of jobs, forfeiting billions of dollars in lost revenue to the state, and resulting in a more expensive and less reliable energy future for Arizona. This initiative was created by San Francisco billionaire Tom Steyer as a replica of energy regulations already in place in California, where electricity is 50 percent more expensive than it is here. If approved, it will significantly raise utility rates on Arizona families and businesses, with the average household paying an additional \$1,200 per year for electricity. This is a burden my constituents – many of whom are seniors living on fixed incomes – cannot afford. To make matters worse, passing these costly regulations at the ballot box means they will be locked into the Arizona Constitution for good – making it virtually impossible for lawmakers to repeal the measure down the road. That's why we must stop this initiative now. I urge my constituents and all Arizona voters to join me in sending these harmful, wrongheaded energy regulations back to California. VOTE NO.

Rick Gray, State Senator, Sun City, Arizona Senate, Sun City
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For more than 70 years, the Greater Phoenix Urban League has worked tirelessly to support and improve the quality of life in the Phoenix community. The "Clean Energy" initiative represents an affront to these efforts and, more importantly, to the disadvantaged families and individuals we serve. This ballot measure is written with no understanding of our communities' needs and hardships, and no care or concern for the repercussions this proposal will have on Phoenix-area families and small businesses. If approved, this initiative could double electricity rates for the average household - raising the typical Arizonan's utility bill approximately \$1,200 per year, and possibly much more. Experts also note that, down the line, the measure will eliminate hundreds of millions of dollars away from the classroom in order to pay for the increased costs of heating and cooling our schools. We all support clean energy and healthy communities, but costly constitutional mandates that place an undue burden on Arizona families - especially those already in precarious financial situations - would be an enormous step in the wrong direction. That's why the Greater Phoenix Urban League strongly opposes this initiative.

George Dean, President & CEO, Greater Phoenix Urban League, Phoenix
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I have served and represented Arizona's West Valley in the State Legislature since 2005. I have a proven track record of fighting for my constituents and championing fiscally-responsible legislation that supports business owners and protects taxpayers. I can say with certainty that this "Clean Energy" initiative is one of the most backwards, irresponsible and economically-unsound ballot measures I've come across during my tenure in elected office. Perhaps that's because it's a product of Tom Steyer – a San Francisco billionaire and political activist who created this initiative to mirror energy regulations in his own state, where energy costs are 50 percent above what they are here. Steyer has pledged to spend millions of dollars in Arizona to influence our

voters to approve costly mandates that will raise utility rates, destroy thousands of jobs and make our business environment almost as unwelcoming as California's. Specifically, studies show that, if approved, the average Arizona family will see its monthly electric bill more than double; annually, that amounts to \$1,200 or more in added energy expenses. For my constituents in Sun City West and surrounding communities – many of whom are seniors on fixed incomes – these are costs they cannot and should not be forced to bear. It's important to note that, if approved, these regulations will be sealed into Arizona's Constitution – making it nearly impossible for me, my fellow lawmakers and future legislatures to repeal the law and undo the inevitable damage it will cause. That's why we MUST stop this at the ballot box. Please join me in voting NO on this reckless initiative.

Judy Burges, State Senator, Sun City West, Arizona State Senate, Sun City West
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I'm proud to serve as Mayor of a town that's widely considered among the most prosperous, fastest-growing and welcoming places in the country to live, work and start a business. I'm committed to keeping it that way – and that's why I strongly oppose the "Clean Energy" ballot initiative. This proposal is the brainchild of Tom Steyer, a California hedge-fund billionaire and political megadonor who's dumping millions of dollars to influence elections around the country, including here in Arizona. His initiative is a replica of energy regulations already on the books in his home state, where electricity rates are 50 percent higher than our own.

If approved by voters, the average Arizona family will pay double what they do now for their monthly utility bill. Annually, that amounts to \$1,200 in added energy expenses for the typical household. That's a burden Gilbert families should not have to shoulder. Further, multiple economic and environmental impact reports show that, down the line, the passing of this initiative would have a dampening effect on our economy – costing good jobs and critical revenue, all while having no measurable impact on air quality or public health.

As Gilbert continues to elevate our reputation as a hub of innovation and economic development, the last thing we need are costly, job-killing laws moving us backward. That's why I encourage Gilbert and all Arizona voters to join me in rejecting this initiative.

Jenn Daniels, Mayor, Town of Gilbert, Gilbert
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As a longtime public servant, entrepreneur and West Valley resident, I know that fighting for my community often means fighting against harmful out-of-state special interests. That's why I vehemently oppose the "Clean Energy" initiative being led and funded by California billionaire Tom Steyer.

This measure would amend Arizona's Constitution with expensive, onerous energy regulations like those in California – a state known for astronomical utility rates and an increasingly unaffordable cost of living. If approved, the average Arizona family will see its monthly

electricity bill double – paying more than \$1,200 a year in added energy costs under this proposal. Jobs and revenue will be lost as baseload power plants will be forced to close under these unreasonable regulations. That includes Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station – the nation’s largest producer of clean energy, Arizona’s single largest taxpayer and a critical employer of 3,000 Arizona workers.

When I was elected Mayor of Glendale, I inherited a city buckling under the weight of bad deals and on the brink of bankruptcy. Today, business is booming, our economy is on the comeback and quality of life is improving. This initiative would be a massive and irreversible step backward for Glendale, for the West Valley and for the State of Arizona. Please join me in voting NO.

Jerry Weiers, Mayor, City of Glendale, Glendale
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The primary reason the Gilbert Chamber opposes the ballot measure is linked to the passage of Proposition 105. Prop 105 requires $\frac{3}{4}$ of the Arizona Legislature to “further the purpose” of any measure passed at the ballot. Passage of the so-called Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona initiative would enshrine energy portfolio requirements in the State Constitution. In our view, Arizona’s portfolio standards and electric rates are currently and best left set by the voter-elected Corporation Commission and Legislature. Furthermore, we believe the unintended consequences of this initiative will result in immediate increases of electricity costs for our 730 business-members and reduce the economic competitiveness of our business community. We encourage you to vote against this initiative.

Kathy Tilque, President & CEO, Gilbert Chamber of Commerce, Gilbert
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The Wickenburg Chamber of Commerce strongly opposes a ballot initiative that would raise energy costs on Arizona families, kill thousands of jobs and inflict significant damage upon our local and state economy. The so-called “Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona” initiative – led and financed by San Francisco billionaire and political activist Tom Steyer – would mandate in the Arizona Constitution that public utilities derive at least half of their power from renewable resources by 2030. If approved, these inflexible mandates will mean increased electricity bills – approximately \$1,200 in added costs each year for the average family. Higher energy bills hurt employers and are a drag on the economy. Most devastating to those of us in the West Valley, experts say passage of the initiative will force the closure of Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, as the proposal doesn’t consider emissions-free nuclear a ‘clean’ energy source. Palo Verde employs thousands of workers, many of whom live in our community, and is the nation’s largest provider of carbon-free electricity. The Wickenburg Chamber of Commerce is proud to join community and business leaders across Arizona in urging voters to oppose the energy initiative. Protect Arizona families. Protect Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station. We urge you not to sign any petitions to qualify this initiative for the ballot.

Julie Brooks, Executive Director, Wickenburg Chamber of Commerce, Wickenburg
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Please join me in voting NO on the “Clean Energy” ballot initiative. This California-conceived measure – being peddled around Arizona by San Francisco billionaire Tom Steyer – will double electricity rates for Arizona families and small businesses; cost our state thousands of quality jobs; reduce the earnings of hardworking Arizonans; and jeopardize our economy just as many of our friends and neighbors in the West Valley and throughout the state are recovering from the Recession. And it gets worse: if the Steyer ballot measure passes, Palo Verde Generating Station – the nation’s largest carbon-free energy source – would be forced to shut down by as early as 2030. Palo Verde is Arizona’s largest taxpayer and a critical economic engine for the state, the West Valley and the city of Buckeye. Its closure would cost more than 3,000 jobs and \$55 million in property tax revenues every year. Arizona: Say NO to this backwards plan!

Jackie Meck, Buckeye
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The Arizona Manufacturers Council joins job creators across the state in opposing the “Clean Energy” ballot initiative. The plan – crafted by San Francisco billionaire Tom Steyer – is modeled after the costly and cumbersome energy regulations already in place in California, where electricity prices are 50 percent higher than they are here. It aims to amend our state Constitution with unreasonable, imprudent mandates requiring that all public utilities derive at least half of their energy from renewable sources – excluding nuclear – by 2030. If approved, the measure will result in astronomical rate hikes, thousands of lost jobs and a severely weakened Arizona economy. Specifically, it is estimated that corporate and industrial rates would rise over 100 percent, and residential ratepayers would see an average annual increase of more than \$1,200. This would create a significant drag on the state economy, and it sends the wrong message to job creators about Arizona’s business environment. We urge all Arizona ratepayers to join us in voting NO on this costly California-made initiative.

Allison Gilbreath, Executive Director, Arizona Manufacturers Council, Phoenix
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As a longtime public servant and current interim Phoenix mayor, I have spent the last three decades working to improve my community and represent the interests of my district and city. I am committed to leading Phoenix forward – and that’s why I strongly oppose the California-led “Clean Energy” initiative.

This plan was modeled after the same pricey, job-killing energy mandates on the books in California, where residents pay fifty percent more for electricity than they do here in Arizona. If approved, experts say energy costs would increase dramatically – with the average Phoenix family paying double what they do now. Annually, that works out to about \$1,200 in added utility expenses for the typical household.

Consequences to the state of complying with these unrealistic regulations would be catastrophic and vast: Arizona would hemorrhage tens of millions of dollars in tax revenue, forfeit thousands of good jobs and severely weaken our economic competitiveness. At a time when we're working diligently to revamp Phoenix and recruit new companies and jobs to the area, this measure would thwart our efforts and send the wrong message to business owners ... all while doing nothing to improve air quality or public health in urban areas like Phoenix.

It's also important to note that voter approval of the measure would amend our state Constitution – making it nearly impossible to repeal or fix the law down the road. That's why it's vital that we stop it NOW. I urge all Phoenix voters to join me in defeating this risky initiative at the ballot box.

Thelda Williams, Interim Mayor & Councilwoman, City of Phoenix, Phoenix
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The Coolidge Chamber of Commerce is opposed to the “Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona” ballot initiative. The proposed ballot initiative would amend the Arizona Constitution to require Arizona utility companies to obtain 50% of their energy from clean sources by 2030. If passed this ballot initiative could raise energy costs on families and businesses negatively affecting jobs and damage to our local and state economy. We stand with the other chambers of commerce around the state opposing this ballot initiative.

Lynn Parsons, Executive Director, Coolidge Chamber of Commerce, Coolidge
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The Chandler Chamber of Commerce strongly opposes the so-called Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona initiative because of the severe impacts it would have on businesses and residents in downtown Chandler. The proposed ballot measure would amend the Arizona Constitution to require Arizona utility companies to obtain 50% of their energy from clean sources by 2030. If passed, the impact of the initiative is expected to double the average family's electric bill in Arizona. The Arizona business community would experience even higher electric rates. As the organization responsible for protecting the business interests of more than 170,000 employees in our region, we urge you to vote against this short-sighted initiative.

Terri Kimble, President & CEO, Chandler Chamber of Commerce, Chandler
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The Surprise Regional Chamber of Commerce joins business leaders and champions of economic development throughout Arizona in OPPOSING the California-grown “Clean Energy” initiative. Our core mission is to support business leaders and advance policies that help promote the growth and strength of the West Valley community. By imposing costly, constitutionally-binding energy regulations on Arizona families, businesses and ratepayers, this measure would

do just the opposite. If approved, the initiative would require that all public utilities obtain at least half of their power from renewable resources – excluding nuclear – by 2030. These unreasonable and inflexible regulations are identical to those already in place in California, where electricity rates are 50 PERCENT higher than here in Arizona. Utility bills will double for the average household – with most families paying about \$1,200 more per year than they do now. This measure will cost Arizona good jobs, crucial revenue and weaken our economy. The West Valley will be hit particularly hard, as experts estimate Palo Verde Nuclear Generating station will be forced to close by 2025 under the initiative’s crippling energy quotas. This would be devastating to our community and the state as a whole; aside from being the biggest producer of clean, carbon-free power in the country, Palo Verde employs thousands of Arizona workers and is the single largest taxpayer to our state. We all support clean energy – but this rate-raising, job-killing initiative is the wrong approach. Please join us in voting NO.

Raoul Sada, President & CEO, Surprise Regional Chamber of Commerce, Surprise
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The Glendale Chamber of Commerce joins business leaders and champions of economic development throughout Arizona in OPPOSING the California-grown “Clean Energy” initiative. Our core mission is to support business leaders and advance policies that help promote the growth and strength of the West Valley community. By imposing costly, constitutionally-binding energy regulations on Arizona families, businesses and ratepayers, this measure would do just the opposite. If approved, the initiative would require that all public utilities obtain at least half of their power from renewable resources – excluding nuclear – by 2030. These unreasonable and inflexible regulations are identical to those already in place in California, where electricity rates are 50 PERCENT higher than here in Arizona. Utility bills will double for the average household – with most families paying about \$1,200 more per year than they do now. This measure will cost Arizona good jobs, crucial revenue and weaken our economy. The West Valley will be hit particularly hard, as experts estimate Palo Verde Nuclear Generating station will be forced to close by 2025 under the initiative’s crippling energy quotas. This would be devastating to our community and the state as a whole; aside from being the biggest producer of clean, carbon-free power in the country, Palo Verde employs thousands of Arizona workers and is the single largest taxpayer to our state. We all support clean energy – but this rate-raising, job-killing initiative is the wrong approach. Please join us in voting NO.

Robert Heidt Jr., President & CEO, Glendale Chamber of Commerce, Glendale
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As a 4th-generation Arizonan, lifelong West Valley resident and proud public servant representing District 4 on the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, I strongly oppose the “Clean Energy” ballot initiative. If approved, the proposal – created and bankrolled by California hedge-fund billionaire and political activist Tom Steyer – would mandate in Arizona’s constitution that all public utilities derive half of their power from renewable resources (excluding nuclear) by 2030. Under this initiative, experts say utility bills will double for the typical Arizona family – amounting to \$1,200 in added energy costs per year for the average

household. Also at stake are thousands of jobs, billions of dollars in economic impact and, most urgently, the very future our nation's largest source of clean, sustainable electricity: Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station. Because the initiative does not consider nuclear power a "clean" energy source – and would result in too much energy on the grid during Arizona's more mild months – Palo Verde would be forced to close as early as 2025 under these new regulations. The closure of Palo Verde would be economically devastating to Arizona – most especially to families in western Maricopa County. Aside from being the country's largest supplier of carbon-free energy, Palo Verde employs over 3,000 Arizona workers and is the state's single largest taxpayer. In Maricopa County, Palo Verde by parcel is the highest paying with the amount being \$21,036,459.50 for tax year 2017. Further, studies show that shutting down Palo Verde would do nothing to improve air quality and pollution in Maricopa County. In fact, new natural gas plants will have to be built in urban areas to meet power needs during high-demand times. That means more carbon emissions, not less. I cannot ignore the damage this initiative would do to Arizona's economy and hardworking Maricopa.

Clint Hickman, Supervisor, Maricopa County District 4, Litchfield Park
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"Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona" is a misnomer; this initiative is not about improving air quality and will have no measurable impact on public health. This proposal was brought here by Tom Steyer – a California hedge fund billionaire and political activist who is spending millions of dollars in Arizona to pass the same rate-raising, job-killing energy mandates that have made his state one of the most unwelcoming and unaffordable in the nation for businesses and families. If approved, experts say it will double electricity rates for the typical Arizona household. Annually, that comes out to an additional \$1,200 hit to the average family's pocketbook. Rural communities in particular would pay a steep price, as small utility companies and power plants in these areas would be forced to close under the weight of heavy-handed mandates – potentially leaving many rural Arizonans without jobs and electricity. Passing this initiative would be a costly mistake for Taylor, for our region and for the state of Arizona as a whole. I hope you will join me in voting NO.

Dave Smith, Mayor, Town of Taylor, Taylor
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Gregory's Fresh Market opposes the ballot proposal on the grounds that it will severely increase consumer utility bills without a corresponding increase in the health or financial interests of Arizona seniors. Seniors served by Gregory's Fresh Market are financially constrained. This initiative will tap into their sacred financial resources. Seniors constantly choose between nourishing food and medicine. This proposal threatens the financial security of seniors by raising their electricity rates. These fixed-income individuals will be forced to choose between medicine and food or paying higher utility bills. Financial subsidies that most seniors enjoy will be curtailed, due to reduced state revenue that will be slashed because of the initiative. A recent study conducted by ASU shows the initiative will negatively impact the state's economy by forcing state and local governments to forfeit more than \$5.8 billion in combined tax revenues.

This includes an estimated \$1.7 billion in reduced property tax, of which the lion's share - \$858 million - would affect K-12 school districts. The state will be forced to reduce subsidies to sectors of our population that include seniors to compensate for the projected revenue losses. Research shows that the health of seniors will not materially benefit from this initiative. The primary beneficiary of this initiative's passage will be a California billionaire with no ties to Arizona. Seniors will be the ones asked to sacrifice their financial well-being to subsidize private interest groups. In conclusion, over 100,000 seniors in Maricopa County live below the poverty level. On behalf of the seniors it serves throughout the Maricopa County area, Gregory's Fresh Market urges voters to keep seniors in mind and vote NO on this renewable energy proposal.

Diana Gregory, Founder, Diana Gregory Outreach Services, Phoenix

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The Peoria Chamber of Commerce joins business leaders and champions of economic development throughout Arizona in OPPOSING the California-grown "Clean Energy" initiative. Our core mission is to support business leaders and advance policies that help promote the growth and strength of the West Valley community. By imposing costly, constitutionally-binding energy regulations on Arizona families, businesses and ratepayers, this measure would do just the opposite. If approved, the initiative would require that all public utilities obtain at least half of their power from renewable resources – excluding nuclear – by 2030. These unreasonable and inflexible regulations are identical to those already in place in California, where electricity rates are 50 PERCENT higher than here in Arizona. Utility bills will double for the average household – with most families paying about \$1,200 more per year than they do now. This measure will cost Arizona good jobs, crucial revenue and weaken our economy. The West Valley will be hit particularly hard, as experts estimate Palo Verde Nuclear Generating station will be forced to close by 2025 under the initiative's crippling energy quotas. This would be devastating to our community and the state as a whole; aside from being the biggest producer of clean, carbon-free power in the country, Palo Verde employs thousands of Arizona workers and is the single largest taxpayer to our state. We all support clean energy – but this rate-raising, job-killing initiative is the wrong approach. Please join us in voting NO.

Guy Erickson, President & CEO, Peoria Chamber of Commerce, Peoria

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The Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce has a 70-year history supporting small business growth throughout Arizona. We take seriously our mission to advocate and advance the economic interests of our members and State as a whole. That includes speaking out and rejecting costly initiatives like the "Clean Energy" amendment that will also have the propensity to eliminate jobs that are crucial to sustaining our economy.

Unfortunately, this proposal was modeled after energy regulations already in place in California, where electricity prices are 50 percent higher than they are here. If approved, corporate and residential utility rates will increase by more than 100 percent, with the average Arizona

household seeing a \$1,200 hike in their yearly energy expenditures. This is not wise or sound public policy, based on what is good for Arizona and our residents.

Arizona is already making strides in achieving our own renewable energy goals. This measure sends the wrong message about Arizona's business environment. It will cost our state thousands of jobs, jeopardize the affordability and reliability of our energy future and weaken the economy we've worked hard to rebuild since the recession. For these reasons, we stand with the more than forty community and economic development organizations statewide in opposition of this initiative.

Gonzalo de la Melena, President & CEO, Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Phoenix

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As Mayor, I am working hard to make Mesa a hub of innovation, job growth and economic vitality. The “Clean Energy” initiative would impede that progress and stifle the positive momentum our city and our state are enjoying because of pro-business policies.

This measure – spearheaded by California-based special interests – amounts to a new energy tax on families and businesses. If approved, it will saddle us with burdensome mandates in our state Constitution that will drastically raise electricity rates, eliminate thousands of jobs, and weaken our economy. It will also jeopardize our future ability to compete for new business and capital investment in Mesa and in every corner of Arizona.

Arizona is making progress on renewable energy – and we’re doing it in a reasonable, responsible way that aligns with our economic and energy goals. We know that inflexible, unsustainable regulations can drive away business and discourage economic growth. That’s why I’m voting NO on the energy initiative – and I hope you’ll join me.

John Giles, Mayor, City of Mesa, Mesa

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The Gila Bend Chamber of Commerce opposes the Steyer ballot initiative to increase renewable energy used in Arizona. Our state is committed to expanding renewable energy however the ballot measure being proposed would cause a significant increase in utility bills, eliminate jobs, and reduce tax revenue. Renewable energy, which is intermittent, requires support from base-load facilities such as the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station. This ballot initiative does not see Palo Verde as a renewable source of energy, which could close Palo Verde – our nation’s largest source of clean, carbon-free energy. Closing Palo Verde would threaten the reliability of our power system and would be a step backward in our clean energy future. The Gila Bend Chamber of Commerce joins other Chamber, community and business leaders across Arizona to keep energy affordable and reliable. We urge voters to oppose this energy initiative.

Scott Swanson, President, Gila Bend Chamber of Commerce, Gila Bend

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The Scottsdale Area Chamber of Commerce strongly opposes the proposed Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona initiative. This measure would amend the Arizona Constitution with the same rate-raising, job-killing mandates already in place in California. If approved, this initiative will significantly increase electricity prices for Scottsdale businesses and families, threaten energy reliability and weaken the economic competitiveness of our region and state. Experts say the average household will see its monthly electric bill double – with families paying more than \$1,200 per year in additional electricity expenses. This plan runs counter to all the work we've done to promote Scottsdale and the East Valley as a premier location to live, work and start/expand a business. We encourage all Arizonans to vote NO on this initiative.

Mark Stanton, President & CEO, Scottsdale Chamber of Commerce, Scottsdale
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As an Arizona business leader and Chairman of the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, my number one focus has been on positioning Arizona's largest county as the most attractive place in the nation to own and operate a business. As I continue to work with my colleagues to eliminate unnecessary barriers to entrepreneurial growth, this state cannot afford to impose costly, constitutionally-binding regulations. These mandates – which amount to a new energy tax on consumers and businesses – will have repercussions on ratepayers, jobs, revenue and the overall state economy.

This initiative is all risk and no reward. Please join me in voting no.

Steve Chucuri, Chairman, Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, Paradise Valley
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This is to bring attention to a serious issue facing everyone. A California-based political group wants to propose a ballot measure that would be harmful to Arizona households and businesses. The Southwest Valley Chamber of Commerce opposes this so-called "clean energy" initiative.

This California group wants to make changes to the Arizona Constitution that would require Arizona Public Service (APS) to produce at least half of electricity from renewable sources by 2030. While it sounds good, this will significantly increase electricity costs for every family, business, and ratepayer.

Additionally, their proposed ballot initiative would prohibit the use of nuclear energy as a renewable source. The Palo Verde Generating Station, the most cost-effective, renewable electrical production source for Arizona and several surrounding states, would be forced to close by 2025. This would have a detrimental impact to our economy through a 50 percent increase in electrical costs, loss of thousands of jobs, and the contribution of APS towards STEM and hundreds of local charities.

The Southwest Valley Chamber of Commerce supports clean, renewable energy that would be beneficial to businesses and the community. This proposed ballot measure would do too much harm to the Southwest Valley community and the entire State of Arizona.

The mission of the Southwest Valley Chamber of Commerce is to support business leaders advance economic growth, and be community minded for the benefit of regional prosperity. We ask everyone to join us in voting "NO" on the "Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona" measure.

John Safin, President & CEO, Southwest Valley Chamber of Commerce, Goodyear
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I join the growing coalition of elected officials, job creators and community leaders across Arizona who've taken a strong stance in opposition to the "Clean Energy" initiative.

This measure aims to amend the Arizona Constitution with the same onerous, expensive and job-killing energy mandates in place in California, where electricity prices are among the highest in the nation. If approved, utility rates will double for the average household. This is a burden most families – especially those on low and fixed incomes – simply cannot afford.

Big picture, Arizona's overall economy will be severely weakened, as will our future ability to recruit the best companies and jobs to our region. Numerous economic impact reports show that, over time, Arizona will forfeit billions of dollars in economic impact and thousands of good jobs if forced to comply with these unrealistic and unreasonable regulations.

This is a bad deal for Mesa and the wrong direction for Arizona. Please join me in opposing this risky initiative.

Chris Glover, Councilmember, City of Mesa, Mesa
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Arizona is a leader in the deployment of renewable energy. The California-backed effort to amend Arizona's constitution to force utilities to drastically increase our current renewable energy goals would have catastrophic effects: electricity bills would double and the reliability of the state's electric grid would be significantly weakened, potentially resulting in brownouts and blackouts. The irresponsible initiative would cause the premature closure of power plants across the state and severely impact the state's largest source of clean air energy – the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station. Nuclear power is an important part of Arizona's energy mix and under the proposed standards, that resource would no longer be viable, costing the state thousands of jobs, tax revenue, and the loss of a carbon-free resource. Amending the state's constitution to enshrine inflexible mandates is simply not a responsible way to set energy policy. As the Mayor of Cave Creek, our residents and businesses should not have to pay twice as much for their electricity. I hope you will join me in voting no on Prop XXX.

Ernie Bunch, Mayor, Town of Cave Creek, Cave Creek
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This initiative is risky and could have long term negative impacts to Arizona and its residents. There are proven delivery methods in place that allow for multiple sources for our power needs. This alone helps keep costs steady and low compared to other states.

The mechanism that exists today is fair, equitable and allows for flexibility. We need to continue with this model and not eliminate the State's options. Renewable energy is a great source of energy but continues to have limitations. More research and development must be done before this power source can be a reliable, sustainable solution. This may be viable in the future but it is not today.

Julie Engel, President and CEO, Greater Yuma Economic Development Corp, Yuma
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As a small business owner, vice mayor and proud resident of the City of Scottsdale, I vehemently oppose the “Clean Energy” initiative.

This measure seeks to amend our state Constitution with unrealistic, inflexible and irresponsible energy regulations mirroring those in California, where residents pay 50 percent more for electricity than we do here. Approval of this amendment would inevitably amount to higher utility costs and reduced power reliability for Arizona families and businesses. Long-term, Arizona stands to lose thousands of jobs and billions in economic impact if this initiative passes.

We are working hard – and have made great strides – to make Scottsdale one of the very best destinations in the country to live, work and own and operate a business. Having to comply with these burdensome, job-killing mandates would be a massive setback for our city, for the Valley and for the state of Arizona.

Please join me in voting NO on this costly California-made energy mandate.

Guy Phillips, Vice Mayor, City of Scottsdale, Scottsdale
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For nearly 50 years, Chicanos Por La Causa has been Arizona’s leading voice for Latino and underserved communities. Our mission is to drive political and economic empowerment. That’s why we oppose the ‘Clean Energy’ ballot initiative.

If this initiative is approved, Arizona families will have to pay much more to heat and cool their homes. Low- and fixed-income families will be hit hardest because they have the least capacity to absorb these added expenses. As a result, some Arizona families would be forced to make

impossible choices between heating or cooling their homes and purchasing the food, medicine, and other essentials they need.

CPLC supports renewable energy and its responsible introduction into our economy. However, it is not fair to impose so much of the financial burden on vulnerable Arizonans.

In addition to the burden this initiative will place on low- and fixed-income families, it will also stress the Arizona economy, which could adversely affect our growth.

On behalf of the hundreds of thousands of Arizona families we serve, Chicanos Por La Causa strongly opposes the 'Clean Energy' ballot initiative.

David Adame, President & CEO, Chicanos Por La Causa, Phoenix
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For the sake of business owners, workers, families and ratepayers throughout Peoria and the West Valley... please vote NO on the misleadingly titled "clean energy" amendment!

This initiative would alter Arizona's constitution to require that public utilities acquire at least 50 percent of their power from renewable sources – not including nuclear – by 2030. Not only is this mandate impractical, it is irresponsible. If approved, it would undo years of progress by spiking electricity costs for families and businesses; slashing thousands of good West Valley jobs; depriving Arizona of billions of dollars in economic impact; and weakening the overall competitiveness of our region and state.

As an avid proponent of fiscal responsibility and job growth, I take offense to a California billionaire trying to impact our livelihoods and regulate our economy. That's why I oppose this measure and will be voting NO at the ballot box. I hope you will join me.

Cathy Carlat, Mayor, City of Peoria, Peoria
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As a longtime public servant, small business owner and proud Chandler resident of more than two decades, I am committed to ensuring the continued economic growth and vitality of the East Valley and our state. That's why I strongly oppose the "Clean Energy" initiative. This proposal – a Tom Steyer special – would amend Arizona's constitution with costly and cumbersome mandates mirrored after those in California, where exorbitant energy prices and an untenable cost of living are driving businesses and families away in numbers. If approved here, Arizona families will pay a steep price; experts estimate the average household will pay double its current monthly utility bill – roughly \$1,000 or more in added utility costs every year. Further, Arizona will forfeit billions in economic impact, lose thousands of jobs and severely damage our economic competitiveness. It is unwise to set energy policy – especially policy this bad – at the ballot box. Once it's done, it can't be undone. That's why I hope you'll join me in voting NO – and sending these risky regulations back home to California.

Jeff Weninger, State Representative, Chandler, AZ House of Representatives, Chandler
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As a longtime elected official and passionate champion of economic development for the City of Goodyear, I oppose the “Clean Energy” ballot initiative. The measure, if passed by voters, would significantly raise energy rates on commercial and residential consumers. It is estimated that, on average, Arizona families would pay \$1,200 more per year in added electricity costs under the initiative. This is a heavy burden to shoulder, especially for West Valley residents on low and fixed incomes. Further, approval of the initiative would have devastating repercussions on economic growth and employment. The forced closure of Palo Verde alone would cost Arizona 3,000 good jobs and millions of dollars in vital tax revenue for schools and public safety. I support continued efforts to develop a sustainable economic future for Goodyear – and that includes attracting clean industries to the Valley. But a constitutionally-binding mandate that shuts down our nation’s largest source of clean energy while raising costs on Arizona families is the wrong approach. VOTE NO.

Georgia Lord, Mayor, City of Goodyear, Goodyear
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Dear voters,

I am opposed Prop ____ the 50% solar tax mandate ballot measure. 72% of our electricity comes from baseload power resources such as gas, coal, hydropower, nuclear and biomass. We need to retain these existing fossil fueled base load plants to keep AZ lights running at night. Both coal and gas are US made fuel sources, and increasing Chinese solar panel use will not make jobs in America. We support an all of the above energy plan that includes US coal and gas fired energy plants.

Higher power costs means higher water rates. Vote no on Prop ____.

Mark Lewis, Elected Director, Central AZ Project Water board
Not representing the views of the BOD.
Phoenix, AZ

Mark Lewis, Director, Maricopa County, Director, Central AZ Project Water Board & not the BOD, Phoenix
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On June 5, 2018 the Mayor and Council of the Town of Snowflake adopted a resolution opposing the “NextGen Climate Action” ballot initiative. An out-of-state group, "NextGen Climate Action", funded by California billionaire Tom Steyer is proposing amending Arizona's State Constitution to require that Arizona utility companies obtain 50% of their energy from

renewable sources by 2030, less than 12 years from now. If passed, the 'Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona' initiative would circumvent Arizona's current structure for regulating utilities, which has provided Arizona residents with some of the safest, most reliable and affordable energy in the country for over 100 years. The initiative would enshrine in the state constitution a regulatory mandate that will dramatically increase electricity bills, especially those of low-income and fixed-income residents, and this constitutional mandate could not be changed or modified without a costly ballot initiative. The initiative would require the closure of the Cholla and Springerville power plants, leading to the loss of hundreds of local jobs and millions of dollars of essential tax revenue for local schools and public safety.

Kerry Ballard, Vice Mayor, Town of Snowflake, Snowflake

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The “Clean Energy” ballot initiative represents a destructively unrealistic mandate that, if approved, will have vast and irreparable impacts on the West Valley and Arizona as a whole. The initiative aims to circumvent Arizona’s current structure for regulating utilities by asking voters to pass a costly constitutional amendment similar to what’s in place in California, where energy rates are among the priciest in the nation. If approved, the measure would more than double electricity costs on families and businesses – punishing low- and fixed income residents and weakening our local and state economy for decades to come. At stake is the future of Palo Verde Generating Station, whose premature closure under this amendment would mean thousands of lost jobs and billions in lost tax revenue. Shutting down Palo Verde – the nation’s largest source of carbon-free energy – will do nothing to improve public health issues and air quality. New, carbon-emitting natural gas plants will have to be built in its place – and hardworking Arizonans will be stuck with the bill. Anyone with an interest in protecting and advancing Arizona’s economic and energy future should vote NO on this amendment.

Michael LeVault, Mayor, Town of Youngtown, Youngtown

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The Mesa Chamber of Commerce is ADAMANTLY OPPOSED to the “Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona” initiative. We advocate for business interests in our community and do NOT believe that the proposed measure is good for Arizona or Mesa. If passed, it is anticipated that the effect of this initiative will double electricity bills for businesses and residents without any tangible societal benefits. It will decrease our region’s economic competitiveness and increase energy costs for everyone in our region. In addition, we believe energy policy in Arizona should be set by the voter-elected Legislature and Corporation Commission and not by amendments to the Arizona Constitution. We recommend that every voter vote NO on this damaging initiative.

Sally Harrison, President & CEO, Mesa Chamber of Commerce, Mesa

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As an entrepreneur in energy innovation I strongly stand against this attempted hijacking of the Arizona Constitution by California special interests. Solar serves some needs and will certainly develop as technology advances, but forcing in-mature expensive technologies upon our residents will have devastating consequences like it has in Europe, even causing deaths via brown-outs in July during extreme heat. Last year in the UK over 20,000 Seniors froze to death because they could not afford to heat their homes during harsh winter conditions. Energy is a "product", and reliable, plentiful and CHEAP energy are part of our thriving economy. The harsh Arizona climate is livable due to cheap power and technology. Currently, American exceptionalism and innovation are providing unique ways to produce "environmentally friendly" oil, transportation fuels and chemical feed-stocks from coal. This will significantly expand jobs and secure our state's energy sources as we continue to attract new residents. We CANNOT let our way of life be threatened by those seeking to loot us. May we continue the sensible "all of the above" approach to energy while rooting out and exposing those attempting to use politics to drive solar for profit, which cannot stand alone on it's own without the heavy hand of government behind it. Our focus should be on American Innovation and Exceptionalism and this freedom to contribute to "Human Thriving" in our state and beyond.

Matthew McKean, Chief Executive Officer, Frontier Applied Sciences, Scottsdale

As a full-time resident of Arizona, I believe that this initiative is copycat legislation from California, now proposing to mandate an unrealistic proportion of renewable energy sources for Arizona's electrical energy generation (50 percent); including the exclusion of nuclear generation, by 2030...only 12-years in the future. The mandate is further complicated by the fact that solar energy, wind energy, and similar "green" energy sources are intermittent in nature; and, would need back-up by conventional, dependable sources. The potential of this initiative would be to increase costs, hindering economic expansion of our economy. We in Arizona definitely need to implement renewable energy in a reasonably- implemented, cost-effective manner, not through mandate by the initiative process. Vote NO on the Clean Energy Ballot Initiative!

Lynda Goldberg, Councilmember, Town of Quartzsite, Quartzsite
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The Arizona Rock Products Association joins industry leaders and job creators throughout the state in opposing the "Clean Energy" initiative. This measure poses a severe threat to Arizona's economic and energy future. If approved, it will impose via the state constitution inflexible and irresponsible energy mandates that will directly result in higher utility bills for families and businesses. It also will force the closure of power plants that have been providing Arizona with safe, affordable and reliable energy for decades. That translates to thousands of lost jobs and billions in lost tax revenue to the state – all while having no measurable impact on air quality or public health. This is not the path toward a strong and sustainable Arizona future – and that's why we strongly urge you to vote NO.

Steve Trussell, Executive Director, Arizona Rock Products Association, Phoenix

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The Prescott Downtown Partnership Board of Directors is in opposition of the “Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona” initiative, proposed by out-of-state political activist, Tom Steyer. The proposed ballot measure would amend the Arizona Constitution to require Arizona utility companies to obtain 50% of their energy from renewable sources by 2030. The impact of the initiative, if passed, is expected to double the average family’s electric bill in Arizona. The Arizona business community would experience even higher electric rates. The primary reason Prescott Downtown Partnership opposes the ballot measure is because the passage of the “Clean Energy Ballot Initiative” would enshrine energy portfolio requirements in the State Constitution. Arizona’s portfolio standards and electric rates are currently, and best, left set by the voter-elected Corporation Commission and Legislature.

Bill McCleary, President & Chair, Prescott Downtown Partnership, Prescott
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There's a right way and a wrong way to do energy policy. Proposition XXX is the wrong way. It would increase utility bills, kill jobs, shut down power plants, and harm education by eliminating property tax revenue that currently funds rural schools. This Proposition is especially bad for Arizona. It would shut down ALL of our coal plants, killing thousands of jobs and eliminating millions of dollars of tax revenue that currently funds local government and K-12 schools. This initiative is identical to California's energy policy, which has shut down power plants and increased utility bills by 60% more than Arizona's in the last five years. Don't let a California billionaire buy an amendment to our state's constitution. Vote no on Prop XXX.

Sylvia Allen, Senator, Snowflake

While I fully support Arizona moving toward a sustainable renewable energy future, the “Clean Energy” initiative misses the mark. I have great concern about what approval of this measure would mean for Surprise families who, on average, may see their monthly electricity bills double. Any added expense is a burden many families – especially those on low and fixed incomes – simply cannot afford. Also troubling is the impact this measure could have on the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, which experts say would be forced to shut down by 2025. The closure of Palo Verde would be economically devastating to the West Valley, the state as a whole and the thousands of hardworking Arizonans employed by America’s largest supplier of clean energy. It is irresponsible to set binding, one-size-fits-all energy policy at the ballot box. That’s why I urge you to join me in voting “NO.”

Sharon Wolcott, Mayor, City of Surprise, Surprise
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This proposition is being bought and paid for by a wealthy California political activist who has never known the true value of the dollar because he has never had to struggle for the next dollar he needed to earn to feed a family and or maintain a household. If passed, this proposition would raise Arizonans cost of living through significantly higher electric rates, while having no effect whatsoever on the billionaire sponsor. It will cost millions and millions of dollars to build the facilities and infrastructure to harness and utilize renewal energy to the extent the sponsor envisions for a “Healthy Arizona.” Those capital costs have to come from our pockets, possibly before a single kilowatt hour will be generated from those investments. Secondly, Arizona currently has an abundance of power generation at reasonable rates with its current mix of sources, coal, gas, hydro, solar and wind. Arizona Cooperatives have been especially diligent in the development of renewable generation sources and in doing such they have been able to keep the costs of electricity within the current price structure we have today. The Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona will force the process out of the control of utilities such as Cooperatives who are, and should be governed by their members, and certainly by not by a wealthy out-of-state political activist and his followers. There is nothing Healthy for Arizona about this proposition. Be heard at the polls and vote NO to send a strong message to our State law makers. The ratepayers are the voters, and some ratepayers are Cooperative members, and Cooperative members vote! I encourage all ratepayers regardless of who serves you with electricity to do the same!

Arden G. Lauxman
Fort Mohave, Arizona
A Member of Mohave Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Arden Lauxman, Fort Mohave

This ballot initiative means more government regulation, higher electricity costs and lost jobs. It’s just the latest bad idea from California. In that state, a 50% renewable-energy mandate has led to some of the highest electricity rates in the country – and costs that have increased at a clip 5 times the national average since 2011. Why should Arizona follow in California’s footsteps? Higher electricity costs will hurt consumers and small businesses, which explains why ASU projected this ballot measure will kill thousands of jobs if it becomes law. There is another way. Arizona already is a clean energy leader, thanks to our smart mix of traditional fuel sources plus solar, wind, nuclear and more. Let’s continue to innovate in a way that balances the needs of Arizona families, employers and the environment. Vote NO on the phony “clean energy” proposition.

Andy Biggs, Congressman, District 5, U.S. House of Representatives, Gilbert
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Solar and wind, scientifically, cannot support the AZ energy base load. Energy costs are already too high in AZ. Solar / wind are even higher. Solar / wind are not as clean as we are told; the amount of waste and impact on the environment, though not discussed, are severe and irreversible. Solar / wind are not cost effective and will bankrupt the people and the state. We

mustn't hop on an emotional bandwagon of blind and ignorant "reasoning" that will strip the pockets of our AZ residents, handing all over to California power agents, and leaving nothing for AZ consumers to spend on AZ businesses. Forcing us into higher power bills for less power returns will leave Arizonans powerless in myriad ways. It is our governments responsibility to protect it's constituents from their own ignorance of the situation. Be pro AZ, not pro CA. Protect us from higher power rates and solar taxes. Promote better insulation, more trees around the houses for shade, LED lighting, and other means to conserve energy. Do not promote an energy means that is inefficient and doesn't correct what's lacking. Use our tax dollars to promote real, long term solutions, primarily, efficient, inexpensive base load options (nuclear). We need a reasonable and balanced approach to energy options, conservation, and environmental health. Much speaking and much media does not make much science. Most people don't know how to take a balanced look at all issues and the identifying factors. You are supposed to on our behalf. it's uncommon these days, but please advocate for us; consider our economic positions; promote and preserve us; preserve our state and all in it; consider out best interest, not the best interest of outsiders and the few.

Tracey Lee Neiman, Phoenix

Dear Voters:

I am against Proposition XXX proposed by Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona requiring electric utilities to provide at least 50% of their annual retail sales of electricity from renewable energy sources by 2030. I believe this is an initiative promoted for special interests and not in the best interest of Arizonans. This level of renewables contribution, as narrowly defined in the proposal, is not yet practical even with storage options. Eighty-two percent of our electricity comes from baseload power resources such as gas, coal, large-scale hydropower, nuclear and biomass. Some of these are carbon free or neutral. We need to retain these existing baseload resources to keep Arizona's power and water costs competitive and attract new businesses to our state. Shutting down currently operating coal and nuclear plants in our state will create huge consumer liabilities for stranded assets. Deferring plans to build new gas plants to back up renewables will result in grid instability. Nuclear energy, coal and gas are large-scale, US-sourced fuel sources. Increasing largely imported solar panel use at this level will not create jobs in America. We support an "all of the above" diversified energy plan that includes US nuclear, coal and gas-fired energy plants.

Sincerely,

Doug Pitts. P. E.
Anthem, AZ 85086

Doug Pitts, CEO, Pitts and Associates, LLC, Anthem

WHALE DROWNS AFTER SWALLOWING 60 POUNDS OF PLASTIC BAGS...

This is not an uncommon headline nowadays in the National Geographic or other mass media. Our world has a growing problem with the incredible amount of municipal solid waste that we are producing. Everywhere. What to do?

This is why I have been working for four years with the Boise, Idaho based DYNAMIS ENERGY company. By gasifying municipal solid waste, the need for landfills is reduced by up to 95%. And even more, the waste can be turned into renewable energy. E.g. electricity or heat.

While we at DYNAMIS ENERGY might profit from the approval and implementation of Mr.Steyer's referendum, I feel that the 2030 deadline is much too short for such a major change. And that a hastened implementation of the referendum would lead to chaos in providing necessary energy for Arizona. The wording of the referendum also compounds the problem by excluding nuclear power as a source of renewable energy. What about Palo Verde?

Therefore I recommend a NO vote on this proposal.

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Emmett McLoughlin, Sonoita

The Sun City Home Owners Association (SCHOA) is strongly opposed to the ballot initiative proposed by California billionaire Tom Steyer.

The “Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona” initiative seeks to amend Arizona’s State Constitution requiring that Arizona utilities obtain 50 percent of their energy from renewable resources by 2030.

At current escalating speeds of innovative change, it would be irresponsible to lock out the ability to adapt, which is what the initiative would do if passed. Energy policy is best served under the charge of the Arizona Corporation Commission. At least they are able to adjust as technology and demand dictate. This is a necessary component to ensure what is in the overall best interest of our citizens.

Not only is an amendment to the state constitution an irresponsible way to set energy policy, but the impacts of this particular ballot initiative would be catastrophic.

When the sun is not shining Solar doesn’t produce. That said, storage, gas fired plants and nuclear power act as ancillary supporters, to offset solar when it’s not sufficient to supply customer needs.

Arizona has the largest, most efficient, carbon free and cost effective nuclear power plant in the Country. The Steyer initiative, if passed, would not only negate the huge advantage the Palo Verde Generating Station brings, but would initiate its deactivation prematurely, causing unwarranted costs for the company owners, which would be passed on to ratepayers.

Most Sun City residents are on a fixed income and cannot afford their electricity rates doubling, as this initiative would likely do. SCHOA is deeply concerned about the effects of this initiative on our residents and the state as a whole.

We urge you to reject this proposal.

Greg Eisert, Director, Chairman of Government Affairs, Sun City Home Owners Association, Sun City

I am a member of the Graham County Electric Co-Op. Our Co-op provides reliable electricity service to my family, my business and to my neighbors. Many small electricity cooperatives serve people in our state's rural areas and if the proposed ballot initiative, Proposition XXX, is passed and forces our rural Co-ops to serve 50 percent of our retail member's power from renewable sources, our utility bills will dramatically increase, without any health benefits. I know hardworking Arizonans cannot afford soaring utility bills and would prefer to see more money put into education versus electricity production. I also would urge Arizona voters to vote no on this proposition to send a message to those who would come from outside our state and change our state's Constitution.

Charles Hoisington, Safford Arizona, a Graham County Electric Cooperative Member

Charles Hoisington, President/CEO, Open Loop Energy, Inc., Safford
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I am a member of the Graham County Electric Co-Op. Our Co-op provides reliable electricity service to my family, and our small rural Town of Pima, Arizona. Many small electricity cooperatives serve people in our state's rural areas and if the proposed ballot initiative, Proposition XXX, is passed and forces our rural Co-ops to serve 50 percent of our retail member's power from renewable sources, our utility bills will dramatically increase, without any health benefits. Our member/citizens of Pima Arizona cannot afford increases in electric bills as seen in California over the past few years, since the implementation of their Renewable Portfolio Standards.

I know hardworking Arizonans cannot afford soaring utility bills and would prefer to see more money put into public infrastructure versus electricity production. I also would urge Arizona voters to vote no on this proposition to send a message to those who would come from outside our state and change our state's Constitution.

Sean Lewis, Pima Arizona, a Graham County Electric Cooperative Member

Sean Lewis, Town Manager, Town of Pima Arizona, Pima
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The Southern Arizona Business Coalition is opposed to the Clean Energy for Healthy Arizona.

Business and the Arizona Union Workers are unified in the opposition to the Clean Energy for a Health Arizona initiative for a reason. It's not good policy.

1. Costs are projected to rise an estimated 14% or more and individuals (family's est. between \$300 and \$500 a year). Further, how many families can actually afford to put solar on their home.
2. Increase costs to business would affect current jobs, either in reduction of hours or even possible layoffs, especially the smaller businesses that have smaller profit margins that would be eaten up by the increase.
3. Drastic change to the current energy policy benefits no one. We believe that the expansion and incorporation of alternative energy sources are needed and has actually taken place. Alternative energy research and efforts take time and realistic understanding of what does and doesn't fulfill the needs of the various regions throughout the state. Solar may work in the desert, but not as well in the mountain regions.
4. Finally, initiatives like this would hamper our elected officials from any modifications and changes needed to address unforeseen problems with implementation. We don't want outsiders of Arizona dictating our energy policies and creating unnecessary costs to the people of Arizona.

Respectfully,

Rick Grinnell, VP
Southern Arizona Business Coalition
rick@soazbc.com

Rick Grinnell, Vice President, Southern Arizona Business Coalition, Tucson

Arizonan's rely on affordable, reliable power. We need it to cook with, to heat and cool our homes, and increasingly, to power our electric cars. Business and government need affordable, reliable power to run their offices, power their machinery and computer systems. In fact, our economy, our jobs, and daily living require energy; energy that is clean, yes, but also energy that we can afford and is reliable.

Proponents of the initiative have focused solely and entirely on only one aspect of energy generation in Arizona; whether the power was generated by a renewable resource or not. However, we also must have affordable energy, and we need energy that is available when we need it. This initiative, while placing onerous, bureaucratic requirements on Arizona power generation, says not one word about the price of that energy. That's right, not one mention of the impact to utility rates. We are asked to believe that this mandate will not cost Arizonan's a dollar while effectively requiring the abandonment of our massive investment in clean nuclear power. Also, while solar power is great during the day, what happens when the sun goes down? To effectively use solar energy, there must be sufficient capacity to meet our needs when solar is not available, and Arizona's will have to pay for this with higher utility rates.

If renewable energy is clean, affordable and reliable, Arizona can and will incorporate it into our power grid without a constitutional amendment drafted by out of state special interests. Arizona has a Corporation Commission that can, and does balance all our power requirements and has

already established a timetable for moving to renewable resources. Arizonan's don't need a bureaucratic, legalistic initiative to meet our future energy needs in a clean, reliable and affordable way.

David Eppihimer, Chairman, Pima County Republican Party, Tucson
Sponsored by Pima County Republican Party

As a resident of Arizona for eighteen years, a retired city manager and a small business owner, I strongly oppose the proposed Clean Energy for Arizona Initiative. If approved this initiative will significantly increase electricity prices for families, business and government, create tax increases in government to cover the increased electrical prices, impact working families adversely in their pocket books with more of their earned income going to electrical costs in their homes, threaten energy reliability and weaken our competitive advantage in the regional, national and global economies. Estimates indicate that families will pay an increase of \$1200 per year in electrical expenses. I urge all Arizonans to vote NO on this initiative to protect their personal incomes, jobs to avoid losing our competitive economic and quality of life advantages we enjoy in Arizona.

William Pupo, Surprise
Sponsored by Arizonans for Affordable Electricity

The Sedona Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau Board of Directors opposes the "Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona" ballot initiative as proposed, requiring Arizona utilities companies to obtain 50% of their energy from renewable sources by 2030. While this sounds good, and the Sedona Chamber of Commerce supports sustainability and renewable energy sources, this initiative is not the answer for Arizona, at this time. While Arizona is working toward renewable energy alternatives, currently renewable energy is intermittent and requires support from flexible resources like natural gas or battery storage. These additional resources will require Arizona residents to pay billions of dollars extra in infrastructure costs to achieve this goal in the next 12 years. In addition, this initiative would threaten the viability of the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, the largest source of clean, carbon-free energy in the country. The closure of this plant would cost 3,000 jobs and eliminate tens of millions of dollars of tax revenue for Arizona schools and public safety.

If passed, the "Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona" initiative would circumvent Arizona's current structure for regulating utilities, which has provided Arizona residents with some of the safest, most reliable and affordable energy in the country for over 100 years. This initiative, designed to modify the Arizona state constitution, could dramatically increase electricity bills, especially those of low-income and fixed-income residents and this constitutional mandate could not be changed or modified without a costly ballot initiative. The Sedona Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau Board of Directors opposes the "Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona" ballot initiative and urges residents to vote "NO".

Stephanie Giesbrecht, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Sedona Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau, Sedona
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As a general contractor I keep my eyes on the bottom line and Bottom Line, I have come to rely on APS' clean, reliable energy. I don't think amending the Constitution is the right thing to do and I'm concerned it will drastically raise my electric bill. My understanding is that APS is already using a 50% clean company so I'm not sure why we would want this for our state.

Robert Boanen, Dewey
Sponsored by Arizonans for Affordable Electricity

I was born and raised in Phoenix and am starting my family here as well. I'm worried about what this will do to my electric bill. If my bill doubles which is likely, how will that affect my budget especially with a new baby on the way? I own a hair salon and raising electric rates will also greatly affect my business.

Bailie Hill, Phoenix
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There are three important facts that all voters must take to heart when considering this measure: 1.) The originator of this proposal, Tom Steyer, is not an Arizonan. Born and raised in New York, Steyer now lives and works in San Francisco full-time, and is using his personal wealth to fund this Amendment to the Arizona Constitution, an attempt to dramatically change how energy in Arizona is obtained. If passed, when this Amendment becomes unbearably expensive, it will be extremely costly and difficult to change as the measure will be fortified in the state Constitution, rather than more legally malleable if it were a legislatively-passed law. 2.) This Amendment not only circumvents the legislative process (as the originator too is attempting to circumvent the will of the Arizona voter, as referenced above), but would dramatically raise the cost of electricity bills on all Arizonans. The spike in energy costs wouldn't be difficult for people like Steyer to afford (a man whose net worth is well over \$1.5 billion, according to Forbes) if he even lived in Arizona, but will be for middle-class and low-income Arizonans who will have to pay double for their electricity. 3.) The Amendment includes a requirement that 20% of utilities' generation come from rooftop solar, the most expensive form of solar. And again, how will those costs be offset? By raising rates. Vote NO!

Adam Maynes, Glendale
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I am committed to helping ensure the continued economic growth and stability of Chandler, the East Valley and the State of Arizona. That's why I will be voting NO on the "Clean Energy" initiative. This costly, California-conceived measure spells higher electricity costs, lost jobs and

a weakened economy. At a time when many families and businesses are beginning to recover from one of the worst recessions in our nation's history, this initiative threatens to set us back with repressive regulations that will hurt families – especially those on low and fixed incomes; compromise our energy future; and stifle our economic competitiveness for generations to come. This initiative is a mistake Arizona cannot afford to make. I hope you will join me in stopping it at the ballot box. VOTE NO.

René Lopez, Vice Mayor, City of Chandler, Chandler
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As a third-generation Arizonan, business owner and elected state representative, I am committed to advancing policies that improve our economy, support job creators and attract and retain businesses to our state. The “Clean Energy” initiative is a direct affront to these goals. The measure – created and financed by California billionaire Tom Steyer – aims to amend the Arizona Constitution with unfeasible, irresponsible and expensive energy mandates that, once approved, will be nearly impossible to undo. That means Arizona families and ratepayers will be stuck with higher energy bills – approximately double the current rate for the average household. The forced closure of power plants translates to thousands of lost jobs and billions of dollars in lost tax revenue – effectively weakening our economy and competitiveness for decades to come. It would be unwise to set energy policy – especially one this destructive – at the ballot box. Please join me in voting NO in this initiative.

Travis Grantham, Representative, Gilbert, AZ House of Representatives, Gilbert
Sponsored by Arizonans for Affordable Electricity

I am a member of the Graham County Electric Co-Op. Our Co-op provides reliable electricity service to my family, and our agricultural economy in Graham County, Arizona. Many small electricity cooperatives serve people in our state's rural areas and if the proposed ballot initiative, Proposition XXX, is passed and forces our rural Co-ops to serve 50 percent of our retail member's power from renewable sources, our utility bills will increase, without any health benefits. Our local agricultural economy cannot afford dramatically increased electric utility bills that would be imposed if this initiative is passed and becomes a constitutional mandate. I know hardworking Arizonans, in rural Arizona, cannot afford soaring utility bills and would prefer to see more money put into protecting our precious water resources versus electricity production. I also would urge Arizona voters to vote no on this proposition to send a message to those who would come from outside our state and change our state's Constitution.
Scott Alder, Pima Arizona, a Graham County Electric Cooperative Member

Scott Alder, President, Gila Valley Irrigation District, Pima
Sponsored by Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc.

The Marana Chamber of Commerce stands with Arizona's business leaders and hardworking families in opposition to the "Clean Energy" proposition. Arizona's power companies are already adding renewable sources in a manner that keeps prices affordable and energy reliable.

The drastic acceleration of the mandates in this proposition risks putting the energy system in Arizona in jeopardy as it struggles to meet the demands. This will significantly increase energy costs for residents and businesses, which may cost Arizona jobs and weaken Arizona's economic competitiveness.

This initiative was filed by an out-of-state group funded primarily by California billionaire Tom Steyer. Out-of-state interests amending the Arizona Constitution is not the way to mandate regulatory energy policies that cannot be modified without going back to the voters for the simplest of changes. If Arizona approves these costly regulations, everyday citizens will be stuck paying the price for generations to come.

This proposition puts Arizona's needed and reliable energy supply at risk, while significantly increasing costs for Arizonans. This is not in the best interest of the state.

As a Chamber, we are committed to clean energy solutions. But this initiative is not a solution.

Thom Cope, Chairman of the Board, Marana Chamber of Commerce, Marana

As an elected official, lifelong West Valley resident and employee of Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station for over 17 years, I staunchly oppose the "Clean Energy" initiative. If approved, this measure will drastically raise electricity costs in Arizona – approximately doubling utility bills for the average household. Annually, that works out to more than \$1,200 in added energy expenses for the typical Arizona family which we cannot afford. The economy would take a massive hit as well – especially in Goodyear and throughout the West Valley. Because the initiative language intentionally excludes nuclear power as a "clean" energy source, its passage could prematurely close Palo Verde Generating Station by 2025. This would be devastating to the local and state economy. Not only is Palo Verde the country's largest source of carbon-free electricity, it is also Arizona's single largest taxpayer and employer of 3,000 workers. Approving this initiative would be a costly mistake. I hope you will join me in voting NO.

Brannon Hampton, Councilmember, City of Goodyear, Goodyear
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As the voice of the business community in our City, the Tempe Chamber of Commerce is opposed to the Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona initiative because of the negative consequences associated with this proposed amendment to the Arizona Constitution. We believe Arizona energy policy should be set by the voter-elected Legislature and Corporation Commission. Moreover, it is our view that this initiative will immediately raise electricity rates on Tempe businesses and consumers without any associated benefits. We encourage all voters to

become educated regarding the ballot initiatives in this election cycle, but ultimately, the Tempe Chamber suggests everyone vote NO on this initiative.

Anne Gill, President & CEO, Tempe Chamber of Commerce, Tempe
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Every once in a while we see an initiative that is so egregious and detrimental the future of Arizona that it should be easy to convince people to vote it down. Unfortunately, couching such initiatives in desirable phrasing such as "renewable energy" and "sustainability" makes it seem more attractive on the surface, while hiding the true intent and impacts. The "Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona" initiative takes poor California policy concepts that have actually created more problems (more pollution, higher rates) for Californians, and ships them to Arizona. Whether it is an intentional effort to make Arizona less competitive (it does), or a misguided effort to reduce airborne particulates (it doesn't), we should put a stop to this now. Arizona has a well-regarded system in place for encouraging the use of more renewables, improving electrical efficiency, and effectively utilizing the largest nuclear generating station in the United States (which this initiative would intentionally put in jeopardy). We should continue to allow this system to work. Please vote "No" on this initiative.

Scott Phillips, Peoria
Sponsored by Arizonans for Affordable Electricity

If this initiative passes, rates WILL GO UP. If rates go up, business have to pay more to operate. If business pay more to operate, you and I will have to pay more money for goods and services. So on top of paying more for utility rates, we'll all be paying more for the things we want and need. It's bad all around.

Tim Chaulk, Yuma
Sponsored by Arizonans for Affordable Electricity

Why is a California billionaire trying to create changes to the Arizona Constitution? There is no guarantee that this mandate will bring about cleaner air, and it certainly will not cause utility rates to decrease. In fact, if this initiative passes, utility companies will have to build carbon emitting gas plants to supplement wind and solar energy. We – Arizona utility rate payers – will have to pay for that AND the end result is more toxins in the air thanks to additional gas plants.

Eric Wofford, Yuma
Sponsored by Arizonans for Affordable Electricity

I am opposed to the "Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona" initiative for the following reasons: 1) I do not believe that energy policy should be set by an amendment to the Arizona Constitution. 2) I do not want to see my electric bill increase, which is what will happen if this initiative is

passed. 3) This initiative would put Arizona on a renewable energy path similar to California. Today is July 9th, and people in California are experiencing power outages and rolling blackouts all while paying 50% more for electricity they don't even have. Arizona needs to be able to keep the lights on in the summer. I urge you to vote NO on this initiative.

Nick Stelfox, Carefree

Sponsored by Arizonans for Affordable Electricity

Prescott Chamber of Commerce opposes an initiative proposed by California billionaire activist Tom Steyer that would result in a dramatic spike in energy costs and harm Arizona's competitiveness. The so-called "Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona" initiative - led and financed by San Francisco billionaire and political activist Tom Steyer - would mandate in the Arizona Constitution that public utilities derive at least half of their power from renewable resources by 2030. If approved, these inflexible mandates will mean increased electricity bills - approximately \$1,200 in added costs each year. The Prescott Chamber of Commerce is proud to join community and business leaders across Arizona in urging voters to oppose the energy initiative.

Sheri Heiney, President & CEO, Prescott Chamber of Commerce, Prescott

Sponsored by Sheri Heiney and Arizonans for Affordable Electricity

As a resident of Arizona for over 25 years, I strongly oppose the proposed Clean Energy for Arizona Initiative. If approved this initiative will significantly increase electricity prices for families, business and government, impact working families adversely as more of their earned income going to electrical costs in their homes, and have a negative economic impact on our state. I urge all Arizonans to vote NO on this initiative to protect their personal incomes and avoid losing our competitive economic and quality of life advantages we enjoy in Arizona.

Melissa Holdaway, Surprise

Sponsored by Arizonans for Affordable Electricity

Solar energy will be an increasingly important part of the future of electrical generation in Arizona, but it's wrong for California solar billionaire Tom Steyer to use government to force us to buy his product.

Overwhelmingly, studies show that renewable energy mandates of the kind Steyer is pushing through Prop XXX drive up the cost of electricity for families and businesses.

Losers and winners in the electrical marketplace should NOT be chosen by government.

Abundant, affordable and reliable energy is necessary for everything we do in our lives. While solar has a bright future, it is currently an unreliable energy source (Google "duck curve" to learn more).

Renewable energy mandates across the country have caused significant increases in electrical rates.

Californication of Arizona's energy markets is a bad idea. In California (Steyer's policy model) electrical prices rose five times faster than the national average from 2011 to 2017. Californians now pay 60 percent more on average for electricity than the rest of the nation.

Raising the price of electricity hurts poor families the most. The U.S. Energy Information Administration found that one in five U.S. households reported having to cut back on food and medicine to pay their energy bills.

Out-of-state special interests should not use ballot propositions to force Arizonans to subsidize their industries. Steyer does not live here, and he is wealthy enough to afford his own policy mistakes. The rest of us will not be that lucky.

New technologies will be adopted through consumer choice when they become competitive and efficient. They should not be forced on us by government.

Yes, solar power is an important part of our future. But we need to keep solar decisions in the hands of Arizona homeowners. Please vote NO on Prop XXX!

Tom Jenney
Phoenix

Tom Jenney, Phoenix

Arizona's mining companies strongly support renewable energy and are proud to use renewable energy to power the mines that contribute so much to our state's and nation's economy. In fact, several mining companies in Arizona have utilized their land holdings to build solar generation on their property to help in the sustainability of mining operations.

In deciding to invest in sustainable electricity generation there are many factors to consider, such as; economics, reliability of supply, environmental costs and benefits, impact on the population, existing electricity generation, and many other factors. The mining industry encourages open debate and discussion on these factors and others to make sure that all options are considered. Subsequent to open debate, the informed decisions can be made. The mining industry does not support the current ballot initiative where there is no discussion on all of the critical factors with all of the relevant individuals involved. There is a right way to support renewable energy and this initiative is the wrong way.

Supporting renewable energy should not come at the expense of jobs, economic growth, and K-12 education funding. Nor is it wise to use the State Constitution to mandate a specific type of energy source or technology.

For these reasons, the Arizona Mining Association strongly opposes the so-called Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona ballot initiative.

Steve Trussell, Executive Director, Arizona Mining Association, Mesa
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People move to Arizona and love living here because we honor freedom and we keep the taxes low and the government small. The cost of living here, including the cost of electricity, is very reasonable. In other words, the opposite of California.

Now a California billionaire-leftist -political activist wants to import the non-sense from California and start the slow destruction of our state. He has his eyes on our Arizona Constitution. This liberal extremist, Tom Steyer, is spending millions of dollars to convince you to increase your electricity bills in the name of “clean energy.” Don’t be fooled! Nuclear power is the cleanest power and his proposal will close Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station – employer of 3,000 Arizonans and the nation’s largest source of truly clean energy. Who will benefit from this heavy-handed regulation? Tom Steyer, of course. He stands to make a financial killing off his investments in solar.

I’ve always supported an all-of-the above approach. We need a diverse energy grid that includes nuclear power. Let’s tell Tom Steyer to stay in California. Let’s protect Arizona families from higher electricity rates. VOTE NO on the energy initiative!

Paul Gosar, Congressman, District 4, U.S. House of Representatives, San Tan Valley
Sponsored by Arizonans for Affordable Electricity

Yá’át’ée’h Voters,

I am opposed to The Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona Initiative, which seeks to require Arizona electric utilities to get at least half their power from solar, wind, biomass and other renewable sources by 2030. This ballot measure impose a dramatic increase in electricity bills of Arizona residents, especially those with low-income or fixed-incomes. Additionally, the ballot measure would require Arizona utilities to shut down various power plants that have been providing affordable and reliable energy for decades, like Four Corners Power Plant. With continued operation over the next 30 years, it will provide more than \$6.3 billion in economic value for the Four Corners region, with 70% benefiting Navajo Nation and Navajo families. We support a more reasonable and realistic transition to renewable energy that will not imperil jobs, livelihood and economy. A transition with an all of the above energy plan that includes coal and gas fired energy plants.

Walter Begay Jr., Kayenta
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Me opongo a la Prop. ____ la medida propuesta por el multimillonario Tom Steyer, que quiere imponer tasas de energía más altas e impuestos solares para la electricidad en Arizona. Este mandato solar no financiado es un aumento de tarifas del 15% de mi facture de energía. Esto le constará a mi familia \$585 por año. Apoyo las opciones de energía libre de carbon y las energías renovables, pero el 50% de energía solar es demasiado. Quiero que mi CA funcione por la noche.

Jorge Moreno, Scottsdale

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I am opposed Prop ____ the 50% solar tax mandate ballot measure. We already have so much solar power on the western grid that they shut off 15% of the solar because there is too much solar.

I support a balanced energy solution that includes nuclear, coal, hydropower and gas baseload, and limited renewables that will not destabilize the grid.

Please vote no on this giant solar tax renewable mandate.

Terri Freeman, Prescott

Sponsored by Arizonans for Affordable Electricity

As an elected official and champion of economic development, I stand in strong opposition to the “Clean Energy” amendment. This measure aims to impose, via the state Constitution, burdensome and binding renewable energy mandates that will drastically hike utility rates in Arizona. If approved, the average Arizona family will see its monthly electric bill double – hitting hardest those on low and fixed incomes. Our local and state economy will lose thousands of good-paying jobs and billions in tax revenue over time, as power plants shutter under the weight of these irresponsible and inflexible regulations. This is bad policy that will stifle growth and hurt communities and families in every corner of the state for decades to come. That is why we must stop it now. Please join me in voting NO.

Kevin Hartke, Mayor-Elect, City of Chandler, Chandler

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As a 3rd generation Arizonan and Tempe Councilmember, I support renewable energy and sustainability in a variety of forms. However, I cannot support a constitutional change that mandates solar energy. With advancements in generation technology, it's hard to predict what improvements in energy can be achieved, and I do not want Arizona to be locked into one form of technology when we do not know what the future holds. Constitutional changes are expensive and hard to undo once they are established. This initiative does not provide Arizona the flexibility it needs for future sustainability.

Joel Navarro, Councilman, City of Tempe, Tempe

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Not-for-profit electric cooperatives have been providing safe, reliable, and affordable electricity to farms, ranches, small business, and hundreds of thousands of people in Arizona's rural and suburban communities for more than fifty years. Democratically elected cooperative boards of directors all over Arizona have been adopting solar and other renewable power, and will continue to do so when it makes economic sense for their communities and their cooperative members. But, we want our fellow citizens to understand that this ballot proposition by a California Billionaire to change the Arizona Constitution does not make sense for our communities. It is not fair, and it is bad for our state.

A similar mandate in California caused utility costs to increase dramatically--three times faster in 2017 than anywhere else in the United States. Higher electricity costs hit poor communities the hardest, especially people with mobile homes and older homes.

This ballot proposition only applies to certain electric utilities in Arizona. Among those impacted are rural electric cooperatives, while the rest of Arizona's not-for-profit utilities would remain untouched. How is that fair?

This proposition is not only expensive and unfair. We also believe the ballot proponents, with the backing of a California Billionaire, are trying to manipulate Arizona voters for their own ambitions. Send them a message that Arizona is not their political playground.

Kirk Gray, General Manager, Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc., Pima, Creden Huber, CEO, Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc., Willcox, Steve Lunt, CEO, Duncan Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc., Duncan, J. Tyler Carlson, CEO and COO, Mohave Electric Cooperative, Inc., Bullhead City and Patrick Ledger, CEO, Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., Benson
Sponsored by Patrick Ledger

A California billionaire political activist is spending millions of dollars in an attempt to fool Arizona voters. Are you ready for sky-rocketing electric bills? Are you ready for businesses to lay off workers because they can't afford these higher rates?

That's what we can expect with Prop XXX. An ASU study estimates the proposal will kill THOUSANDS of jobs. And, by one estimate, the average household will see its electricity bills double – about \$1,200 in added energy costs over the course of a year.

AMIGOS, a diverse statewide organization of mostly small and mid-sized businesses urges you to oppose Proposition XXX. We support renewable energy, but it's important that we have a smart plan that takes into account Arizona's unique needs and opportunities – not a replica of a disastrous California law.

Please join AMIGOS in opposing this initiative. Vote NO on Prop XXX.

Sydney Hay, President, AMIGOS, Scottsdale

As Chairman of the Senate Natural Resource, Energy and Water Committee, I have the privilege of working with government officials, experts, and ordinary Arizona residents to reduce regulations and protect the state from radical environmental groups and political activists who want to increase our energy prices and threaten the reliability of our electric grid.

Sadly, a billionaire from California is trying to undo all the work we've done to safeguard the affordability of our energy. In February, he submitted an initiative that would AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION to require that Arizona residents significantly increase their utilization of expensive and unreliable renewable energy. This Proposition could DOUBLE your electricity bill by forcing your electric company to spend HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS of YOUR money to build new power plants and subsidize the solar industry.

This Proposition is based on a virtually identical regulation in California that has led to electricity bills that are nearly double what we pay in Arizona. This proposition was not conceived in Arizona, but in California, by Tom Steyer and his millionaire attorneys who think that you don't pay enough for electricity.

I want to make it very clear- this Proposition would do NOTHING to clean the air. In fact, by excluding nuclear energy, it would shut down our state's only nuclear plant and replace its clean power with carbon-emitting natural gas generation.

This Proposition would increase our utility bills, shut down our clean affordable plants, kill thousands of jobs, and eliminate tens of millions of dollars in tax revenue for Arizona schools and public safety.

Don't let an out of state billionaire dictate Arizona's energy policy, Please join me in voting AGAINST this costly and dangerous initiative. Thank you.

Senator Gail Griffin

Gail Griffin, Senator, Sierra Vista

The Queen Creek Chamber of Commerce opposes the “Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona” initiative. We do not believe that energy policy should be set by an amendment to the Arizona Constitution. Current laws will make this amendment nearly impossible to modify in the future, even if we find its consequences unacceptable now or in five, ten or fifteen years from now. Does anyone know what energy policy will be best for us in fifteen years or more in the future? This constitutional amendment will still be in place regardless. Furthermore, in the near future, electricity bills are expected to rise significantly across Arizona if passed. This will threaten our state’s economic recovery and drive businesses away. We urge you to vote NO on this initiative.

Chris Clark, President & CEO, Queen Creek Chamber of Commerce, Queen Creek
Sponsored by Arizonans for Affordable Electricity

As a former California resident, I moved to AZ for better opportunity. California has high costs of living, overgrown regulatory environment and high energy costs. I oppose the Clean Energy ballot initiative because we need affordable and reliable energy. We don't need California policy in AZ.

JR Gabaldon, Casa Grande

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As the Mayor of Douglas, affordable, reliable electricity is critical to our business and residents in Southeast Arizona. The Clean Energy ballot initiative would drive power prices up and reliability down, making Arizona a less attractive place for residents and businesses to do business.

Robert Uribe, Mayor, Town of Douglas, Douglas

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It is important to keep electricity affordable for low income families. If this ballot initiative passes, families will see electricity bills double by 2030. Low-income families, including children and the elderly, will be hit the hardest. Today, low income customers receive a 25 percent discount on their power bill. The costs of this mandate would wipe that out and drive costs much higher for these families. We need to protect our low income population and keep energy costs low.

Mary Lou Rosales, Casa Grande

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We are always suspicious when an out-of-state group promotes a mandate to satisfy their own ideas by telling Arizonans to spend more money. Proposition XXX is one of the worst ideas we have seen. If this proposition is passed, the average Arizona family will find their electricity bill doubling. This mandate will adversely affect businesses which in turn will effect the Arizona economy. Proposition XXX is an unreasonable demand to require regulated electric utilities to generate 50 percent of their energy from renewable resources by 2030. A more reasonable approach is our current standard requiring 15 percent of their energy from renewable resources by 2025.

Mandates are never good, but even more so when an out-of-state group comes in to tell Arizonans what to do and how to do it to satisfy their own extreme ideas. Enough. Please vote no on Proposition XXX.

Kimberly Wold, Executive Director, Prosper, Phoenix

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Arizonans should vote no against Proposition No. XXX for the following reasons. Arizona's electric service has been safe, reliable, and affordable for residences and businesses for more than seventy-five years. The Proposition's 50% renewable energy requirement is arbitrary and has no relationship to Arizona's energy needs. It will increase costs to Arizonans because it will require unnecessary investments in energy supply. This Proposition would result in electric resources that only work at certain times of the day which will lower the reliability of Arizona's electricity system. Electric systems need various supply options that work all the time to remain reliable. Finally, this Proposition is being funded by a California organization. Arizona's energy future should not be left to California interests. Californians pay over 50% higher electric rates as a result of adopting a similar 50% renewable energy requirement. For these reasons, please vote no on Proposition No. XXX

Tom Hall, Director, Reliable Energy Policy

Aerospace Arizona urges you to vote NO on the "clean energy" initiative. As an association representing the aerospace industry, we are proud this is one of our state's largest economic sectors.

More than 1,200 aerospace-related firms call Arizona home, and our state ranks 5th nationally in terms of aerospace employment. This is a competitive industry, however, and the ballot initiative threatens to significantly increase the cost of doing business in Arizona.

That means fewer aerospace jobs. In addition to increasing costs, voters should know this initiative is being pushed by out-of-state interests who want Arizona to adopt California's failed energy policies.

California already has a 50% renewable-energy mandate on the books, and its electricity rates are among the highest in the country. California also struggled with rolling blackouts during this summer's heat wave because its grid couldn't keep up with demand – our industry relies on a reliable grid to keep aviation safe and secure.

Let's not follow California's lead. Arizonans are fortunate to live in a state with affordable, reliable and clean energy. Vote NO on the initiative.

Mignonne Hollis, Chairman, Aerospace Arizona Association, Sierra Vista

The Arizona Regional Economic Development Foundation (AREDF) began in 1985 with the mission to support a thriving, sustainable economy in Arizona. We oppose the "clean energy" initiative because it threatens Arizona's economy.

This ballot proposal hampers job creation and undermines economic development in our state, especially for small businesses and startups. Why? The initiative will significantly increase energy prices, making the cost of doing business in Arizona prohibitively expensive.

That has been the experience in California, where the exact same 50% renewable-energy mandate is already in place and electricity prices have increased at a rate 3X faster than the national average over the past two years alone. This is part of the reason many employers are now fleeing California.

AREDF supports an energy plan that balances the needs of Arizona families, small businesses and the environment. Vote NO on the initiative.

Mignonne Hollis, Executive Director, Arizona Regional Economic Development Foundation, Sierra Vista

Vote No On California Billionaire Initiative

As the collective voice for Arizona's residential building professionals for nearly 70 years, our organization has a responsibility to speak out against bad-for-business policy that would devastate homeowners, our industry and Arizona's economy. That's why we staunchly oppose the so-called "Clean Energy" initiative – and we're urging our members and all Arizona voters to do the same. This measure – a pet project of California billionaire and political activist Tom Steyer – will be cast in stone forever if approved by the voters. It is a constitutional amendment that would unreasonably raise the cost of energy for all of our home buyers making it harder for people to purchase their American dream. If approved, these costly and restrictive regulations will drive up housing costs and electricity prices – doubling the monthly energy bill for the average Arizona household. Long-term, the measure will cost Arizona thousands of jobs and billions in economic impact. This is not the future we want for Arizona.

Join us in voting NO on this harmful initiative.

Connie Wilhelm, CEO, Home Builders Association of Central Arizona, Phoenix

Prop XXX has a clean and healthy name, but the good news stops there. This is another example of special interests outside our state with big money invested in this proposition to pull off a con on Arizona voters. The complexities associated with energy policy and planning are manifold, and our states founders set up our Corporation Commission separate from our politically motivated legislative bodies (House & Senate) within our Constitution to specifically address these business issues. What's needed is analysis and deliberation by qualified elected commissioners rather than a media-hyped emotional appeal to voters. Changing our Constitution by proposition has consequences, and a poorly thought through policy change like this one will have severe consequences. The current renewable energy standard originally targeted for 2025 has already been met. Our states power users are demanding clean energy and they are getting it. The trend is positive and continuing in that direction. Added to this is a robust technology sector making inroads in battery storage for solar energy, bio-fuels, and creation of micro-grids. Arizona does not need to be forced through use of emotional propaganda into a constitutional straight-jacket. VOTE NO on this very bad idea.

James "Jim" O'Connor, Candidate for AZ Corporation Commission, Scottsdale
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This initiative is named “Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona” yet it fails to acknowledge the value of Arizona’s largest source of carbon-free electricity – Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station. It only recognizes renewable energy as “clean”. Clean energy mandates need to be done in a responsible manner, through collaboration of Arizona’s leaders and communities. The “Clean Energy” title on this ballot initiative is misleading and would weaken our economic competitiveness by more than doubling commercial and industrial energy costs.

Craig McFarland, Casa Grande
Sponsored by Arizonans for Affordable Electricity

TUCSON METRO CHAMBER OPPOSES MISLEADING CLEAN ENERGY FOR A HEALTHY ARIZONA AMENDMENT

The Tucson Metro Chamber’s Board of Directors voted unanimously to oppose Prop XXX, the misnamed and misleading Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona Amendment. The Amendment would require affected electric utilities to provide at least 50% of their annual retail sales of electricity from renewable energy sources by 2030, an unrealistic goal being pushed by California billionaire Tom Steyer.

Chair of the Board of Directors Barbi Reuter says, “This amendment will be costly and harmful to Southern Arizona businesses and could disadvantage Arizona’s economic competitiveness.” Tucson Electric Power, Southern Arizona’s largest electrical utility, estimates the average increase a year would be \$550 to residential customers, and \$3,400 for commercial customers. Tucsonans, and Arizonans statewide, simply cannot afford this constitutional amendment. Requiring 50% use of renewables (specifically defined in the amendment) would be the largest and most aggressive energy generation requirement, likely placing Arizona at a substantial economic disadvantage. If passed by the voters in Arizona, Prop XXX would represent a drastic shift in the energy portfolio and policy for the entire State of Arizona.

With likely job losses in the hundreds, if not thousands, this is simply an initiative Arizona cannot afford. Vote NO on Prop XXX.

Amber Smith
President & CEO
Tucson Metro Chamber

Amber Smith, President & CEO, Tucson Metro Chamber, Tucson
Sponsored by Tucson Metro Chamber

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Navopache Electric Cooperative is a nonprofit rural electric distribution cooperative whose members include consumers in the White Mountains of Arizona. We oppose the ballot initiative of a California billionaire who seeks to undermine Arizona’s energy policy and regulatory

framework by amending Arizona's Constitution. Arizona's energy policies should be determined by our elected policy makers, the Arizona Corporation Commission, not a political activist from California who has no connection with Arizona other than a willingness to spend tens of millions of dollars to promote his own personal agenda.

The proposed Constitutional Amendment is discriminatory and would only apply to certain Arizona electric utilities (such as rural electric distribution cooperatives). It would NOT apply to all Arizona electric utilities.

The proposed Constitutional Amendment is also misleading in its claim of promoting clean energy. In fact, it only promotes renewable energy sources, specifically wind and solar. Wind and solar generated electricity is intermittent and unreliable. Also, if this initiative passes it will increase the cost for electric distribution cooperatives to provide electric service to our members. It is estimated that this proposal will increase the average electric consumer's electric bill by approximately \$45 to \$65 per month. Rural and economically depressed communities will be impacted the most by these increased costs.

Join with us in sending the message that Arizonans should determine our own energy policies by voting NO on this proposed Constitutional Amendment.

Chuck Moore, CEO, Navopache Electric Cooperative, Inc., Lakeside

Against Prop xxx:

I highly recommend voting against this proposition. Yes, we all want clean energy but let's look at the same initiative that was implemented in California. The initiative is being funded by Billionaire Activist Tom Steyer. The energy companies have had to raise rates to their customers. The middle and low income families have been hurt the worse. New homes built in California are required to have Solar installed, causing an increase in new homes. These solar panels are installed based on the home size and not based on the home owners power usage. Nuclear power would not be allowed. The billions of dollars spent by these companies on Nuclear Power would have to be recovered by these companies and this would mean the residence would have to pay more. Currently, the power companies are trying to sell their Nuclear Power to neighboring states. Plus, the solar companies are lining up to make large amounts of money from this initiative. So, the winners of this proposition are the solar and wind power companies and the losers are the residents of Arizona, especially the middle and low income families.

Glenn Smith, Prescott Valley

Tucson Electric Power is enthusiastically expanding its use of renewable energy at a pace that is both rapid and rational.

We're on track to provide 30 percent of our power from wind and solar by 2030 – double the state's current goal. Our ambition doesn't stem from state standards. Instead, it reflects the highest levels we can achieve without compromising reliability or affordability.

That’s why I’m opposed to Proposition XXX, which would lock an arbitrary 50-percent renewable requirement into our state constitution. If passed, this proposal would require us to scrap our careful plans and rush to develop more expensive, less reliable systems that increase costs for our customers.

We project that Proposition XXX would increase average residential electric bills by more than \$500 per year by 2030 while boosting the average annual electric bill of local businesses by about \$3,400. These rate hikes would weigh heavily on many families and businesses, stifling our local economy.

The initiative would force TEP to prematurely retire power plants and other infrastructure and to accelerate development of additional renewable resources, energy storage and supporting systems at higher prices. In particular, it would require us to get 20 percent of our renewable power from private rooftop solar arrays at a much higher cost than larger, community-scale solar or wind systems.

Tom Steyer, the California billionaire behind this initiative, clearly didn’t consider, or care, how these costs would impact our community. In fact, he admitted to the Arizona Daily Star that he did not even know why the private solar requirement was included. I agree with Star columnist Tim Steller, who called that requirement “a sop to the rooftop solar industry.”

Please vote no on Proposition XXX so TEP can continue expanding renewable resources at a pace that allows continued reliable and affordable energy service.

David Hutchens, President and CEO, Tucson Electric Power, Tucson

Paul Hickman, President and CEO, Arizona Bankers Association

The “Clean Energy” initiative does not make economic sense. If approved, it will impose expensive, unreasonable and constitutionally binding regulations on public utilities that will radically raise electricity rates in Arizona. These added costs will be shouldered by businesses, families and industry in the form of higher utility bills, with experts noting the average household will see its current energy price tag more than double. That’s in addition to the thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in tax revenue Arizona will hemorrhage over the coming years, as economically-vital power plants are forced to close under these crushing California-style mandates. We can all support a responsible transition toward more renewable energy, and Arizona already has a plan in motion. But passing energy policy at the ballot box – especially one with this many risks and repercussions – is a mistake Arizona cannot afford. These are among the reasons the Arizona Bankers Association opposes this initiative. Please join us in voting NO.

Paul Hickman, President & CEO, Arizona Bankers Association, Phoenix

Arizona farmers rely on affordable power to run their operations. From pumping water to crops and livestock to powering the machinery that processes the food we eat, energy and agriculture are inextricably connected. As a result, access to affordable power is essential to make sure our families have affordable, abundant food on our tables.

Proposition XXX will only serve to cripple the agricultural industry by limiting access to affordable power and vastly increasing the costs of producing food in Arizona. By ignoring the value of existing, reliable, green energy sources and ignoring the realities of the current energy market, Proposition XXX will only serve to make energy exponentially more expensive – all while providing no appreciable environmental benefit.

Not only will Proposition XXX make food more expensive, it is also expected to significantly increase the average household's electricity bill. This cost increase will be the most difficult to bear in rural Arizona, where small energy providers have less ability to diversify and modify their existing energy infrastructure. Many Arizona Farm Bureau members are also proud residents of rural Arizona. We cannot support a measure that would devastate their ability to power their homes and businesses.

There is no one who better appreciates the importance of wise environmental stewardship than the farmer or rancher; after all, he relies on the sustainability of his resources not only for his livelihood, but for his very way of life. But by ignoring the needs of agriculture and rural Arizona, Proposition XXX would destroy Arizona's sustainability rather than improve it. Join us in opposing Proposition XXX.

Stephanie Smallhouse, President, Arizona Farm Bureau Federation, Gilbert
Sponsored by Arizona Farm Bureau Federation

No one is against clean energy. But all residents of Arizona should be concerned about this initiative for one reason: Once initiatives pass, they difficult to alter in any meaningful way. Even if you agree with every word in the initiative, the chance to address any unintended consequences will be almost non-existent if it passes.

For example, if this initiative does impact the Palo Verde Generating Station (as has been suggested by some) the consequences could be devastating. For frame of reference, according to the Arizona Republic (source: July 6, 2018, p. 8A, authors Alison Steinbach, Ryan Randazzo and Richard Ruelas) “the nuclear plant is the largest power producer of any kind in the country.”

This initiative should not be taken lightly. With the stakes so high, good intentions should not outweigh the need for thoughtful discussion.

Jim Waring

James Waring, Scottsdale

The Arizona Cotton Growers Association – the state's leading advocate for Arizona's cotton producers and agribusiness industry – strongly opposes the “Clean Energy” ballot initiative. If approved, this measure will drastically drive up the price of power in Arizona – hurting farmers

and families in every corner of the state, and threatening the viability of an already vulnerable market. Cotton is a commodity and farmers are price takers, not price makers. We don't have the ability to charge more for our product to compensate for rising energy costs. Adopting California-style energy policy that will increase utility rates by over 100 percent is a financial burden our industry cannot afford. Like most of the business and trade associations who have opposed this measure, we support a responsible transition toward more renewable energy. But this approach is unrealistic, unwise and bad for business. On behalf of Arizona cotton producers and advocates across the state, please join me in voting NO on this initiative.

Art Heiden, President, Arizona Cotton Growers Association, Buckeye

Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona ballot measure states that private utilities will receive negative energy credits for nuclear generation the same as coal generation. Advertisements have said it wouldn't affect our states nuclear plant but the wordage in this ballot measure differs from that opinion. This also doesn't mandate all of AZ's utilities to comply with the renewable standard. It also doesn't protect AZ residents from excessive bill charges for the reckless capital improvements. It doesn't support grid storage (which is what renewable energy needs to move forward). Also it assumes solar energy is cheaper than other sources which isn't true if you calculate it for a 24hour capacity factor. To be clear this is a constitutional amendment, it will lock our constitution in today's technology - is hard to believe that clean energy sources will not improve and develop.

Why would we as Arizonans want to set our state back in clean energy generation by shutting down Palo Verde, letting some utilities not follow a standard and lock our constitution into today's technology?

Benjamin Dean, Tonopah

The Duncan Valley Electric Cooperative (DVEC) has been based in Duncan, Arizona for over 70 years and serves many Arizona families, their businesses, churches and schools. As the Board President it is imperative that I speak out against Prop. XXX as it will force our co-op to source 50% of our power from renewables. If passed, this mandate will not only increase our electric rates but the reliability that we're known for offering our members will suffer.

California, which is what this misguided initiative is basing their mandate after, leads the nation with 470 power outages every year. Research points directly to California's reliance on solar and wind energy as the main source of the outages. Reliability of our electricity in a hot desert climate is essential to our lives and livelihood.

At DVEC, we don't mind solar complementing our energy use, but our members want our air conditioners and refrigerators to work all the time – not just when the sun is shining.

I urge you to vote NO on Prop XXX. In doing so, we are saying NO to higher electric rates and NO to unreliable energy.

Johnnie Frie, President, Duncan Valley Electric Cooperative, Duncan

Our little community is served by our electrical cooperative. They have been serving us since 1947 as no commercial company wanted our business. Our parents and grandparents started a cooperative to provide us with affordable power to sustain our way of life. We later joined with other local cooperatives and formed a generation and transmission cooperative as that was the most economical way to develop reliable affordable electricity.

We have continually updated our power plant to stay compliant with ever changing environmental regulations at great cost to our members. If this initiative were to pass, our cooperative will be left with a huge debt and facing more cost to provide the mandated renewable power while our present power plant will sit wasting away with us still owing for the mandated upgrades. Our power bills will almost double to pay for new solar plants and the debt on our present power plant. Our little community cannot afford this type of new burden.

I urge you to vote NO on Prop XXX. In doing so, we are saying NO to higher electric rates and NO to unreliable energy.

Thomas Powers, Superintendent of Schools, Greenlee County, Arizona, Duncan

Proposition XXX comes from a California billionaire with claims it will solve Arizona's energy problems. The Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona coalition makes two claims about energy that California's push for renewable energy has proved wrong.

Claims are made that this mandate for renewable energy will provide affordable and reliable energy. Do you know which western state has the highest cost for energy? California, with power costs 45% higher than the U.S average. Do you know which state has to import 33% of its energy from its neighbors? California. In 2010, California only imported 25% of its power. Adding too much renewable energy has reduced California's reliability and ability to provide for itself. Do you know which state leads the nation in power outages? California. California ranks #36 in energy performance, while Arizona ranks #9. Why would we want California's renewable plan?

Wind and solar are not firm producers of electricity. The California Public Utilities Commission President recently issued a warning that if the state doesn't address the lack of firm energy providers, the state will face another energy crisis like that of 2000 and 2001. Remember California's rolling blackouts? Do you want to see that in Arizona?

Only 60% of California homes have air conditioning. In Arizona it is 95%. Arizonan's require more electricity to cool our homes yet our costs for power are lower than California's. Do you want that to change?

So you have to ask yourself. Do you want your energy costs to keep up with California? Do you want the lack of reliability that Californians suffer with?

Claims of this ballot measure solving our energy problems are blatant falsehoods. We must learn from California's experiences and tell them and their billionaire sponsor to keep their problems. Vote NO on this proposed constitutional amendment.

Steven Lunt, Member, Duncan Valley Electric Cooperative, Duncan

A 50% renewable power mandate will cause substantial hikes in energy bills and produce no meaningful environmental benefit.

Wind and solar power are much more expensive than conventional power. The latest data show wind power is 50% more expensive than conventional power, and solar power is triple the cost of conventional power. If wind and solar power were not so expensive, government would not have to impose renewable power mandates to force people to buy renewable energy.

A 50% renewable power mandate would put Arizona on the same energy path as California. California electricity prices are approximately 50% higher than in Arizona. Far-left San Francisco billionaire Tom Steyer is funding this ballot initiative, seeking to export California's high energy prices to Arizona. Perhaps he thinks that making every state as expensive as California will cause some of the many people fleeing California to return.

Yet what are Arizonans receiving in return for 50% higher electricity bills and rapidly rising energy prices? The answer is very little. America is already reducing greenhouse gas emissions faster than any other country in the world. American emissions are down 14% this century, even as global emissions are up 40%. American emissions are lower than they have been since 1992, and emissions continue to decline. Even if global warming were a serious problem, a 50% renewable power mandate is an expensive and unnecessary way to continue the emissions reductions that are already occurring.

James Taylor, Senior Fellow, The Heartland Institute, Arlington Heights

Amending Arizona's constitution to require 50 percent of the state's electricity to come from renewable sources by 2030 is too costly for Arizona families.

Study after study has found that states with renewable portfolio standards experience steep hikes in electricity prices. These increases would come on top of already-sky-high energy bills for Arizonans. More than 433,000 households already pay between 15.7 and 41.5 percent of their annual income on their energy bill. Sixty-five percent of all families would have to spend additional money on home energy bills that would normally be spent on weeks' worth of groceries.

In 2015, the Energy Information Administration found that more than one in five households forewent food, medicine and other necessities to pay their energy bill. That trend will only continue if we make things harder for the many families already struggling to make ends meet – which these unrealistic 50 percent renewable targets undoubtedly will.

We only have to look to other states to see how these energy mandates play out. California passed similar standards in 2015. From 2016 to 2017, the state's electricity prices rose three times more than the rest of the country's.

Some of the same people who pushed these standards in California are trying to do so here. This initiative will only benefit these out-of-state special interests, not the people of Arizona.

Please join me and the Arizona chapter of Americans for Prosperity in voting NO on Prop XXX.

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The Southern Arizona Leadership Council (SALC) strongly encourages the voters of Arizona to vote "NO" on Proposition XXX. Do not be fooled by the name. At best, Proposition XXX is a well-intended but incredibly poorly-structured initiative. At worst, it is another case of an out-of-state interest trying to take advantage of Arizona's initiative process which will lead to increased energy costs and place our reliable and affordable energy at risk.

Prop XXX will result in increased electrical costs for Arizona residents and businesses.

Estimates place the increase between \$500-1000 per household and over \$3000 per business. The impact on businesses and the economy could result in a loss of jobs, slowing growth or closure of businesses. Alternatively, businesses can pass their increased costs onto their customers, an option households don't have. While all users of electricity will face increased costs, the poor will be impacted the most. Utility costs account for a much larger portion of available income to families in poverty.

The Arizona Corporation Committee (ACC), an elected body, sets statewide energy policy. The ACC is actively engaged in expediting Arizona's move towards clean, renewable energy sources and has a more challenging goal than Prop XXX: The ACC is targeting 80% of our power resources be from clean energy by 2050. The ACC also considers each utility provider on a case by case basis, unlike Prop XXX which treats the utility providers, including smaller rural cooperatives, as a "one size fits all." However, Salt River Project, the state's second-largest energy provider, is exempted from this initiative. Why should they be exempted?

Prop XXX is not in the best interests of the citizens of Arizona or our energy policy. SALC urges you to vote "NO" on Prop XXX.

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