



July 14, 2021

The Honorable Tim Moore  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
16 West Jones Street, Rm. 2304  
Raleigh, NC 27601

**RE: Business Community Opposition to Action on House Bill 951, Modernize Energy Generation**

Dear Speaker Moore,

The Renewable Energy Buyers Alliance (REBA), a national association of 151 commercial and industrial large energy customers, including more than 30 major businesses with operations in North Carolina, opposes House Bill 951 in its current format. Given the decades-long impact this legislation will have on North Carolina, we encourage the North Carolina House of Representatives to continue the committee hearing process to ensure an inclusive, transparent, and thorough review of the legislation.

REBA's members represent over \$6 trillion in annual revenues and employ 13 million people across the United States, including thousands of North Carolinians. As job creators, REBA's members depend on an affordable and reliable energy system to power the facilities they operate in North Carolina. With businesses placing a growing emphasis on renewable energy when deciding whether to expand or relocate their facilities in North Carolina, it is essential that any major energy policy reforms are carefully considered and incorporate input from all customers, including commercial and industrial users.

Unfortunately, the current version of House Bill 951 does not. It is likely to increase rates substantially on commercial and industrial ratepayers, which is particularly concerning as we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic when businesses are trying to rebound and sustain their workforces. REBA's members are also concerned about provisions that remove or limit oversight by the North Carolina Utilities Commission on important decisions such as replacement generation.

We respectfully request that the North Carolina House of Representatives refrains from holding a final vote on House Bill 951 this week. Instead, we seek a continuation of the committee hearing process to fully review how the proposals in this legislation will impact the business community in North Carolina. Doing so will provide valuable insight into the range of opportunities energy policy reforms can provide to all electric customers and position North Carolina for continued growth and prosperity in the future.

Sincerely,

Bryn Baker  
Director, Policy Innovation  
Renewable Energy Buyers Alliance

cc: Members of the North Carolina House of Representatives