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Representative Ross McGregor
Chair
Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review
Ohio General Assembly

Senator Frank LaRose
Vice Chair
Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review
Ohio General Assembly

Regarding Adoption of ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1-2007 as the New Ohio Commercial Building Code

Dear Representative McGregor, Senator LaRose, and Members of JCARR:

The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers Inc. (ASHRAE) urges you to adopt as the new commercial building code in Ohio, ANSI/ASHRAE/IES Standard 90.1-2007 *Energy Standard for Buildings Except Low-Rise Residential Buildings*, which provides minimum requirements for the energy-efficient design of buildings except low-rise residential buildings.

Founded in 1894, ASHRAE is an international organization of over 52,000 members. ASHRAE fulfills its mission of advancing heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration to serve humanity and promote a sustainable world through research, standards writing, publishing and continuing education.

Standard 90.1-2007 is a code-intended standard that, if implemented, would save energy in a cost-effective manner. Standard 90.1-2007 was developed by consensus with the input from a broad range of stakeholders and businesses in the building industry and has gained widespread acceptance as a premiere code-intended standard. Several states in the Midwest and throughout the nation have already adopted or exceeded 90.1-2007 as their commercial building code, including Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Pennsylvania, and others.

Standard 90.1-2007 is right for Ohio. The Ohio Board of Building Standards, which is comprised of architects, homebuilders, engineers, contractors, energy efficiency experts, and fire services professionals, has already unanimously endorsed the adoption of 90.1-2007 as Ohio's commercial building code. ASHRAE encourages the Joint Committee on

Agency Rule Review to adopt 90.1-2007, and we stand ready to assist the Committee on this.

Please feel free to contact Mark Ames, ASHRAE Manager of Government Affairs, at mames@ashrae.org or 202-833-1830 for additional information.

Personal regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynn G. Bellenger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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