



August 25, 2020

The Honorable Jill Schupp
Missouri Senate
201 West Capitol Avenue
State Capitol, Room 427
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Letter Sent Via Email to jill.schupp@senate.mo.gov

RE: Senate Bill 12

Dear Senator Schupp:

ASHRAE, the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers, founded in 1894, is a global society advancing human well-being through sustainable technology for the built environment. The Society and its more than 55,000 members worldwide, with over 1,000 members in Missouri, focus on building systems, energy efficiency, indoor air quality, refrigeration and sustainability. Through research, standards writing, publishing, certification and continuing education, ASHRAE shapes tomorrow's built environment today.

We are writing to you regarding your sponsorship of Senate Bill 12, the *Smart and Safe Schools Act*. We appreciate that you included the appointment of a member of a local ASHRAE Missouri chapter of ASHRAE to the Smart and Safe Schools Task Force that would be established by this bill. We appreciate that this task force is included in the legislation for the purpose of ensuring that schools and school districts have access to guidelines and resources for a safer return to school during the COVID-19 pandemic.

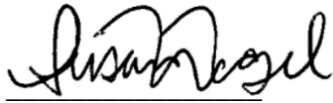
ASHRAE has created numerous technical resources to address the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and possible future epidemics as it relates to the effects of HVAC systems on disease transmission. Guidance has been developed for several building types and operational conditions, including specific guidance on reopening schools and universities. ASHRAE's full guidance, answers to frequently asked questions, and additional resources can be found at www.ashrae.org/covid19.

Again, we appreciate the inclusion of ASHRAE members and their expertise in this bill. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or have your staff email GovAffairs@ashrae.org. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter and for working to ensure the health and well-being of building occupants and students.

Sincerely,



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