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Senator Rick Niemeyer
Chair
Environmental Affairs Committee
Indiana Senate
200 W Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Sent via email to: Senator.Niemeyer@iga.in.gov

Re: Senate Bill 335, "Climate Solutions Task Force"

Dear Chair Niemeyer:

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 53,000 members worldwide, with over 600 members in Indiana, 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 Senate Bill 335, "Climate Solutions Task Force". ASHRAE supports the inclusion of "encouraging the construction of buildings that meet the current energy standards of ASHRAE" as one of the primary areas of focus of the proposed Task Force. ASHRAE develops and publishes robust consensus-based standards, many of which are adopted into building codes. Our standards establish recommended practice in the areas of indoor air quality, energy conservation and management, building water systems, high-performance buildings and others. ASHRAE standards are developed by knowledgeable and skilled volunteers from around the globe under strict ethical and non-commercialism guidelines.

Additionally, ASHRAE is committed to a leadership role in reducing climate change contributed to by building systems and responding to climate change experienced in the built environment. ASHRAE's members use their expertise to help policymakers promote the implementation of energy efficient design practices and sustainable technologies that can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions. We also offer professional certifications and conduct both E-Learning and instructor-led courses on topics such as Effective Energy Management in New and Existing Buildings, Energy Modeling Best Practices and Applications, and Operation and Maintenance of High-Performance Buildings. Training and professional development in the buildings design and operation industries plays a key role in "securing job training opportunities... for workers [in] the energy industry," as mentioned in Sec. 6 (7) of the bill.



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Again, we support the inclusion of ASHRAE energy standards in Senate Bill 335, and also suggest the use of ASHRAE resources and training in achieving the goals of the Task Force. 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.

Sincerely,

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Farooq Mehboob
2022-2023 ASHRAE President

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Akshay Bhargava
2022-2023 Central Indiana
Chapter President