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AGENCY**

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Dear Members of the ASHRAE COVID-19 Epidemic Task Force,

This letter is to recognize and express deep appreciation for the work of the Task Force. In March of 2020, ASHRAE was among the first major organizations to publicly recognize the potential for transmission of the SARS-CoV-2 virus in indoor air. ASHRAE leaders promptly put together an Epidemic Task Force to provide and consolidate technical resources to help address the COVID-19 pandemic. These technical resources on how to manage and upgrade ventilation and other building systems in a variety of built environments has provided critical information and guidance to the general public, building managers and owners, government agencies, and a myriad of other stakeholders across the globe.

The growing list of ASHRAE Task Force resources has provided specific, timely, and credible guidance and significantly benefited the national and international response to the COVID-19 pandemic, bridging the gap between public health principles and building-specific operations. This contribution, and in particular the resulting practical implications amid societal and policy debates, has made the Task Force guidance an important anchor to ground public health recommendations and countless individual decisions.

The ASHRAE COVID-19 Epidemic Task Force has therefore played an invaluable role in protecting public health and providing reliable, practical resources as the challenges related to COVID-19 continue to evolve. This volunteer effort demonstrates true civic spirit and deserves special recognition. I and my colleagues in EPA's Indoor Environments Division would like to express sincere appreciation for the exceptional work and devotion of the Task Force. We are truly grateful for the expertise, time, and outstanding effort you have devoted to making clear, science-based guidance available to all, in a luminous example of service and commitment to public health.

With sincere appreciation,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Edwards", is written over a yellow rectangular background.

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