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Kent Newman and Des Moines City Council
1551 East MLK, Jr. Parkway
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On behalf of the Iowa Chapter of American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), I am writing in support of the City of Des Moines' building energy benchmarking proposal.

Benchmarking provides building energy transparency to building owners, operators and tenants. This knowledge will allow owners and tenants to make informed decisions for their building's energy use, leading to lower operating cost and a more sustainable built environment. The policy will also support the economic growth and development of the Des Moines energy efficiency community. These are all endeavors and ideologies the Iowa ASHRAE Chapter supports.

The Iowa Chapter of ASHRAE is the local chapter of ASHRAE, an international society organized to advance the arts and sciences of heating, ventilation, air-conditioning and refrigeration. ASHRAE, founded in 1894, is a building technology society with more than 50,000 members worldwide. The Society and its members focus on building systems, energy efficiency, indoor air quality and sustainability within the industry. Through research, standards writing, publishing, and continuing education, ASHRAE shapes tomorrow's built environment today. Our local chapter is comprised of over 300 members, dedicated to engineering better buildings.

Sincerely,

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