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My name is Douglas Fick and I am here today as a member of the ASHRAE Board of Directors, a licensed Professional Engineer and an Indiana resident to register our support for re-adoption of the state's Commercial Energy Code, which is ANSI/ASHRAE/IES Standard 90.1. ASHRAE, founded in 1894, is a global society advancing human well-being through sustainable technology for the built environment. The Society and its more than 56,000 members worldwide, with over 600 members and four Chapters 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.

This Standard, first published in 1975, is the basis for the energy standard of most U.S. commercial buildings. For over 40 years, this Standard has served as the leading resource for state and local jurisdictions that wish to promote energy efficiency, engaging interests across the building and construction sector, and yielding increased levels of efficiency in a balanced manner with input from all affected parties. As are all ASHRAE Standards, Standard 90.1 is developed and improved through the private-sector in accordance with American National Standards Institute's (ANSI) consensus-driven process. While ASHRAE encourages states and jurisdictions to use the most recent version of Standard 90.1, which is 90.1-2016, we support Indiana's re-adoption of its current commercial energy code.



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Indiana should be a leader in the application of strong building codes and standards to protect families, businesses and visitors, and ASHRAE considers energy codes to be part of that strong package of codes. Strong codes help ensure our communities are safe, efficient and resilient. We encourage Indiana to, at a minimum, re-adopt Standard 90.1-2007 and strongly encourage the state to consider adopting even more advanced standards, which would result in additional energy and cost savings. Since buildings account for 70 percent of electricity use and nearly 40 percent of total energy use in the U.S., strong commercial energy codes present one of the most straightforward ways to lower energy use and save money for the citizens of Indiana

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comments today. I welcome the opportunity to respond to any of your questions.