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The Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins
Senate President Pro Tempore and Majority Leader
198 State St.
Albany, NY 12210

The Honorable Michael Gianaris
Senate Deputy Majority Leader
198 State St.
Albany, NY 12210

Re: S. 9742, "Standards for Openable Windows in Residential Units"

Dear President Stewart-Cousins and Deputy Majority Leader Gianaris,

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 53,000 members, including over 2,000 in New York, 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 global built environment today.

I am writing regarding Senate Bill 9742, "Standards for Openable Windows in Residential Units." **ASHRAE supports the requirement in this legislation for residential units to comply with ANSI/ASHRAE Standards 62.1, *Ventilation and Acceptable Indoor Air Quality*, and 62.2, *Ventilation and Acceptable Indoor Air Quality in Residential Buildings*.**

Requiring the use of these ASHRAE standards, which have been the industry-wide standard for building ventilation systems for decades, will help improve indoor air quality and minimize adverse health effects for New York residents:

- Standard 62.1, *Ventilation and Acceptable Indoor Air Quality*: This standard applies to all indoor or enclosed spaces that people may occupy, except where other applicable standards and requirements dictate larger amounts of ventilation. The standard does not apply to dwelling units, which are covered under Standard 62.2. The most recent edition of Standard 62.1 is the 2025 edition.
- Standard 62.2, *Ventilation and Acceptable Indoor Air Quality in Residential Buildings*: This standard applies to residential spaces within both single-family houses and multi-family structures, including manufactured and modular houses. It does not apply to

common spaces in high-rise residential buildings, which are covered by Standard 62.1. The most recent edition of Standard 62.2 is the 2025 edition.

Again, we support the references to ASHRAE’s relevant indoor air quality standards in S. 9742. ASHRAE looks forward to serving as a technical resource on this and any other legislation concerning indoor air quality. 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 and your attention to the health of New York residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill McQuade". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and "M".

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