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The Honorable Amy Paulin
Chair
Committee on Health
New York State Assembly
State St. and Washington Ave.
Albany, NY 12224

Re: Assembly Bill 9095, "Legionnaires' Disease Prevention Act"

Dear Chair Paulin,

I am contacting you from ASHRAE, which 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 nearly 2,500 in New York State, 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.

ASHRAE is a nonprofit professional and technical society that has developed industry-leading standards for Legionnaires' Disease risk management, as part of our comprehensive guidance on water system risks:

- ASHRAE Standard 188-2021, [*Legionellosis: Risk Management for Building Water Systems*](#), provides minimum legionellosis risk management requirements for new and existing buildings and their associated water systems and components. The standard applies to commercial, institutional, multi-unit residential, and industrial buildings.
- ASHRAE Guideline 12-2023, *Managing the Risk of Legionellosis Associated with Building Water Systems*, is a supplement to this standard and provides detailed guidance for water management program teams to develop the necessary elements of an effective water management plan.

We support the provision in AB 9095 requiring the implementation of building water management plans that are consistent with ASHRAE Standard 188-2021 and Guideline 12-2023. However, we also request a minor amendment to the bill text to ensure that it references the most up-to-date edition of Standard 188.

Section 2186-D, Building Water Management Plans, 3. states that these requirements apply to a "building that meets the criteria in ASHRAE Standard 188-2018." **We recommend, to ensure the most up-to-date edition of the standard is referenced, as well as to ensure consistency throughout the bill text, that this reference be updated to the 2021 edition rather than 2018.**

Please do not hesitate to contact me or have your staff email GovAffairs@ashrae.org with any questions. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter and for working to ensure the health and well-being of building occupants.

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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CC: The Honorable Representative Linda B. Rosenthal