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The Honorable Michael R. Crider
Chair
Homeland Security and Transportation Committee
200 W Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Re: HB 1150, "Local Regulation"

Dear Chair Crider and Members of the Homeland Security and Transportation Committee:

I am writing on behalf of ASHRAE, a global society advancing human well-being through sustainable technology for the built environment. The Society and its more than 55,000 members, including over 600 members 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 global built environment today.

ASHRAE opposes the provision in HB 1150 that would prohibit a county or municipality from adopting or enforcing a utility usage data ordinance. These ordinances require utilities to retain building energy consumption data and provide aggregated energy usage data when requested by building owners, which help ensure that building owners and operators have timely access to the necessary building energy data to comply with any energy benchmarking or reporting requirements in their jurisdiction.

ASHRAE develops standards, guidance and educational resources informed by robust data on the actual energy performance of buildings, and shares evidence-based best practices and technical information with professionals across the building sector. Improving the energy performance of existing buildings requires a robust database of building energy data. Without understanding a building's true performance, identifying effective ways to improve energy efficiency is challenging. As the saying goes, "you can't manage what you don't measure." **Ensuring that building owners have access to energy data is essential to their efforts to increase energy efficiency and reduce costs.**

Again, we oppose HB 1150 and request that the provision prohibiting energy usage data ordinances be removed from the bill. Thank you for your consideration of our comments. If you

have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or have your staff email GovAffairs@ashrae.org.

Sincerely,

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

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