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The Honorable Brian Kavanagh  
Chair  
Housing, Construction, and Community Development Committee  
New York Senate  
Washington Ave and State St.  
Albany, NY 12224

Re: S. 8078, "An Act to Amend the Multiple Dwelling Law"

Dear Chair Kavanagh and Committee Members:

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.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments to the Senate Energy and Telecommunications Committee on S. 8078, "*An Act to Amend the Multiple Dwelling Law, in relation to the standards for openable windows in residential units.*" **We appreciate the legislation's reference to ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 62.1-2022, *Ventilation and Acceptable Indoor Air Quality*, but suggest that the legislation instead reference Standard 62.2-2022, *Ventilation and Acceptable Indoor Air Quality in Residential Buildings*, which applies to residential units.**

This standard applies to residential spaces intended for human occupancy within both single-family houses and multi-family structures, including manufactured and modular houses. It is intended for use in new buildings, as well as additions or changes to existing buildings. Standard 62.2 specifies minimum ventilation rates and other measures intended to provide indoor air quality that is acceptable to human occupants and minimize adverse health effects due to poor indoor air quality. It defines the requirements for ventilation and air-cleaning system design, installation, commissioning, and operations and maintenance. The most recent edition of Standard 62.2, which is currently the 2022 edition, includes updates to the procedures and methods for meeting the minimum ventilation and indoor air quality requirements.

**ASHRAE looks forward to serving as a technical resource as you consider this bill, as well as 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](mailto:GovAffairs@ashrae.org). Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Dennis Knight". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "M." and last name "Knight" clearly legible.

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