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The Honourable Tim Hodgson, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Energy and Natural Resources
Natural Resources Canada
580 Booth Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0E4
Canada

Re: Continued Federal Support for the Deep Retrofit Accelerator Initiative and Greener Neighbourhoods Pilot Program

Cc: The Honorable Julie Dabrusin; The Honorable Brenna Walsh

Dear Minister Hodgson:

I am writing on behalf of ASHRAE, the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers, regarding continued federal support for the Deep Retrofit Accelerator Initiative (DRAI) and the Greener Neighbourhoods Pilot Program (GNPP). ASHRAE welcomes the Government of Canada's October 8 announcement of committing nearly \$110 million over three years, beginning in 2027-28, to renew DRAI. We respectfully urge continued, multi-year support for GNPP as well, while preserving continuity for the organizations and professionals delivering both programs.

ASHRAE, founded in 1894, is a global professional and technical society of more than 56,000 members, including approximately 5,000 members in Canada. ASHRAE and its members focus on building systems, energy efficiency, indoor air quality, refrigeration, building water systems, sustainability and resilience. Through research, standards development, publishing, certification and continuing education, ASHRAE shapes tomorrow's global built environment today.

DRAI and GNPP address different but complementary parts of Canada's existing-building market. DRAI helps owners of commercial, institutional and mid- and high-rise multi-unit residential buildings navigate the technical, financial and organizational challenges of deep retrofits. GNPP is testing coordinated, aggregated retrofit approaches for low-rise and community housing. Together, these

programs help move projects toward implementation while developing the expertise, relationships and repeatable processes needed to improve building performance at greater scale.

Continued federal support can help Canada build the market capacity needed to undertake retrofits at greater scale. DRAI and GNPP support organizations that work with building owners, contractors, financial institutions, utilities and other market participants to reduce project barriers, standardize processes and develop repeatable approaches. Maintaining that capacity gives owners greater access to technical expertise, provides industry with a more predictable pipeline of work, and allows lessons learned through individual projects to be applied across regions and building types. Over time, this can help improve retrofit-sector productivity, strengthen Canadian businesses and skilled trades, and make investments in existing buildings more practical and cost-effective.

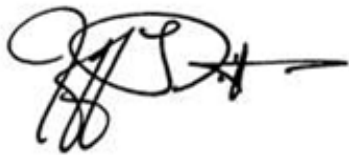
ASHRAE also has technical resources that may be useful as these programs continue.

- **ANSI/ASHRAE/IES Standard 100-2024, *Energy and Emissions Building Performance Standard for Existing Buildings*** - establishes energy-consumption and greenhouse-gas emissions performance levels and compliance requirements for existing buildings.
- **ANSI/ASHRAE/ACCA Standard 211-2018 (RA 2023), *Standard for Commercial Building Energy Audits***, establishes consistent practices for conducting and reporting commercial building energy audits, including Energy Audit Levels 1, 2 and 3. These resources can support consistent assessment and planning, particularly for projects served through DRAI.
- **ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 228-2023, *Standard Method of Evaluating Zero Net Energy and Zero Net Carbon Building Performance***, sets requirements for evaluating whether a building or group of buildings meets a definition of “zero net energy” or a definition of “zero net carbon” during building operation.

ASHRAE appreciates the Government's renewed investment in DRAI. We respectfully encourage Natural Resources Canada to implement its renewal without unnecessary disruption to existing accelerator capacity and to provide a clear path for continued, multi-year support for GNPP before current pilot activities conclude. Predictable support will help preserve technical expertise, sustain market relationships and continue the practical work of improving Canada's existing building stock.

Thank you for your consideration. ASHRAE stands ready to provide technical expertise and resources as Canada advances its building retrofit efforts. Please contact me, or have your staff contact GovAffairs@ashrae.org, with any questions or requests for additional information.

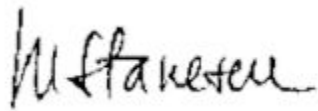
Sincerely,

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