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The Honorable G. Andres Romero
Chair
Education Committee
New Mexico House of Representatives
490 Old Santa Fe Trail
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Letter sent via email to: andres.romero@nmlegis.gov

Re: House Bill 30, "*Public School Ventilation Improvement Act*"

Dear Chair Romero:

ASHRAE, founded in 1894, is a global technical society advancing human well-being through sustainable technology for the built environment. The Society and its more than 53,000 members, including over 150 in New Mexico, focuses 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.

We are writing to you regarding House Bill 30, the "*Public School Ventilation Improvement Act*," which establishes requirements for school districts to improve mechanical ventilation systems in public schools. We recommend that the bill incorporate by reference ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 62.1-2022, [*Ventilation and Acceptable Indoor Air Quality*](#), in these requirements for school facilities. Standard 62.1 specifies minimum ventilation rates and other measures intended to provide indoor air quality that is acceptable to human occupants and minimizes adverse health effects, such as breathing difficulties, due to poor indoor air quality. We also recommend the bill specify the most recent, up-to-date edition of Standard 62.1, which is currently the 2022 edition. This latest edition includes updates to the procedures and methods for meeting minimum ventilation and indoor air quality requirements.

In summary, we support improving ventilation in public schools and recommend incorporating by reference ASHRAE Standard 62.1-2022. 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 of this important matter and for working to ensure the health and well-being of students and other building occupants.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter J. Koneck-Wilwerding".

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