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The Honorable Jim Jordan
The Honorable Jerrold Nadler
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
2138 Rayburn House Building
Washington, DC 20515

Letter sent via email

Re: H.R. 1631, the Protecting and Enhancing Public Access to Codes Act (Pro Codes Act)

Dear Chairman Jordan and Ranking Member Nadler:

I am writing on behalf of ASHRAE, the American Society of Heating Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers, a global professional society committed to serving humanity by advancing the arts and sciences of heating ventilation, air conditioning, refrigeration, and their allied fields. We wish to thank the House Judiciary Committee for its consideration of H.R. 1631, the Protecting and Enhancing Public Access to Codes Act (Pro Codes Act). We also thank Subcommittee Chair Issa, Congressman Ross, and their fellow co-sponsors for their leadership in introducing this bill, which ASHRAE proudly supports.

The rigorous, consensus-based standards developed by ASHRAE and other standards development organizations (SDOs) are essential to public health, sustainability, safety, and security. The Pro Codes Act acknowledges that the United States benefits greatly from the work of private SDOs with expertise in highly specialized areas.

This bipartisan bill will preserve copyright protection of such standards when they are incorporated by reference into federal regulations, state laws or municipal regulations, so long as the standard is available and free for viewing on a publicly accessible website. This will ensure that ASHRAE can continue its work developing vital standards, which is critical to realizing our vision of a healthy, resilient, and sustainable built environment for all.

Once again, we appreciate the committee's leadership on the Pro Codes Act and stand ready to assist in any way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ginger Scoggins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Ginger Scoggins
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