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The Honorable Phil Murphy  
Governor  
State of New Jersey  
125 West State Street  
Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear Governor Murphy:

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 800 in New Jersey, 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 built environment today.

We are writing to you regarding Senate Bill 2188, "*An Act Concerning Legionnaires' Disease.*" This bill would require owners and operators of certain buildings and public water systems to take action to prevent and control Legionnaires' Disease. Managing water systems to minimize the risk of contamination from *Legionella* is essential, and this bill has passed with strong bipartisan support through both chambers. **We urge you to sign Senate Bill 2188 into law.**

We also appreciate the inclusion of ASHRAE's Standard 188-2018, *Legionellosis: Risk Management for Building Water Systems*, in the bill's proposed requirements for water management programs for certain buildings. ASHRAE Standard 188 is written to be usable and implemented by a broad range of building owners without using or requiring compliance, training, or certification in any hazard analysis, risk assessment, or risk management methodologies. It contains extensive input from industry, academia, and healthcare and from city, state, and national public health departments and regulatory authorities.

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 and for working to ensure the health and well-being of building occupants.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Dennis Knight". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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