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Chairman Brooks and Committee SB-614

Chairman Brooks and Members of the Education, Energy and the Environment Committee, thank for the opportunity to provide written testimony regard SB-614

The Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors National Association (SMACNA) is an international trade association representing 3,500 signatory contracting firms with more than 100 chapters throughout the United States, Canada, Australia and Brasil. SMACNA provides its sheet metal and air conditioning contractor members with assistance in areas including business management, labor-relations, marketing, governmental affairs, and technical research and development – on both a national and local level. SMACNA's membership includes thousands of leading contractor corporations specializing in complex energy saving retrofit contracting, facilities energy management and residential, commercial, public, and industrial energy system construction at the local, state and federal government levels.

SMACNA as an American National Standards (ANSI) setting organization develops standards for the HVAC, Architectural, Industrial, Energy, Indoor Air Quality industry. As an ANSI organization our standards are vetted thru an open consensus based process to ensure the integrity of our standards, that are then adopted by the Model Building Code and Design/Construction Community.

Our recently released SMACNA Fire, Smoke & Radiation Damper Manual meets the intent of SB-614. As the SMACNA Fire, Smoke & Radiation Damper Manual requires compliance to NFPA 80 and NFPA 105, as well as UL 555, this ensures the requirement for the proper installation, service and lifetime inspection of all Fire/Smoke Dampers will be enforced thereby providing for a both resilient facility, but one that meets the modern requirements for Life Safety for all occupants.

On behalf of SMACNA we thank you for the opportunity to provide this written testimony in strong support of SB-614.

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