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The Honorable Brian Feldman
Chair
Education, Energy and Environment Committee
Maryland Senate
Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen St.
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: SB 264, “Drinking Water – Regulation – Control and Prevention of Waterborne Disease”

Dear Chair Feldman and Members of the Education, Energy and Environment Committee,

I am contacting you from ASHRAE, which 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 1,000 members in Maryland, 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.

ASHRAE is a nonprofit professional and technical society that has developed industry-leading standards for Legionnaires' Disease risk management, as part of our comprehensive guidance on water system risks:

- ASHRAE Standard 188-2021, *Legionellosis: Risk Management for Building Water Systems*, provides minimum legionellosis risk management requirements for new and existing buildings and their associated water systems and components. The standard applies to commercial, institutional, multi-unit residential, and industrial buildings.
- ASHRAE Guideline 12-2023, *Managing the Risk of Legionellosis Associated with Building Water Systems*, is a supplement to this standard and provides detailed guidance for water management program teams to develop the necessary elements of an effective water management plan.

We support SB 264 and its requirement for covered buildings to create water management plans consistent with ASHRAE Standard 188. However, we request a minor amendment to the bill to ensure that the latest edition of the standard is referenced, which is the 2021 edition, not 2018.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or have your staff email GovAffairs@ashrae.org with any questions. 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 black ink, appearing to read "Bill McQuade". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and "M".

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CC: The Honorable Benjamin T. Brooks