

March 11, 2025

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House of Representatives
U.S. Capitol Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader, U.S. Senate
U.S. Capitol Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Speaker Johnson and Majority Leader Thune,

The undersigned organizations write to strongly urge your continued leadership in preserving and fully funding programs that support indoor air quality during the budget and reconciliation process. These initiatives are vital to improving the health and safety of our communities, schools, and workplaces while allowing states and local governments to provide the essential services their constituents depend on. The funding of these programs aligns with President Trump's "Make America Healthy Again" initiative, as clean indoor air is essential for reducing chronic diseases such as asthma and allergies and limiting exposure to toxic compounds. Clean indoor air supports the key principle of investing in efficient infrastructure that delivers long-term benefits for the American people.

Indoor air quality can help address the growing health crisis in America. People spend 90% of their time indoors and poor air quality has been linked to a wide range of health issues, including respiratory illnesses, heart disease, lung cancer, and neurological conditions. Clean indoor air reduces sick leave and increases productivity and economic growth. Funding programs that support indoor air quality ensures clean air for people in homes, schools, and workplaces, without burdening taxpayers or expanding government control. Preserving and expanding these programs provides a cost-effective, sustainable solution to safeguarding the health of all Americans, especially children.

Equally important is the need to fully fund the agencies that administer these programs at the federal, state, and local levels, including the Department of Energy (DOE), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the General Services Administration (GSA), and the Department of Treasury. These departments and agencies are critical in overseeing and executing initiatives that improve indoor air quality across the country. Their efforts are central to supporting public health, improving performance, reducing absenteeism, and ensuring that environmental standards are met in buildings.

As you work to craft a budget resolution and reconciliation measure, we ask that you protect the important programs that support the improvement of indoor air quality in buildings. These programs incentivize the modernization of building infrastructure, improve productivity, reduce absenteeism, save families money, and help reduce healthcare costs. According to a 2011 Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory study, the U.S. economy could gain up to \$26 billion annually with improved indoor air quality. By prioritizing these investments, we can improve economic growth while promoting the widespread adoption of best practices for air quality in buildings.

The initiatives funded by these programs will deliver significant value to the American people, aligned with the goals of President Trump's "Make America Healthy Again" initiative. These programs improve

quality of life, support job creation, and reduce healthcare costs, all while adhering to the principles of smart, targeted investment in infrastructure. We strongly urge you to ensure that the budget and reconciliation process preserves these critical loan, grant, and tax incentive programs.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue. If you need any information about indoor air quality and its impact on health and the economy, please do not hesitate to contact any one of us or email GovAffairs@ashrae.org. We look forward to working with you to improve the health of Americans, including through good indoor air quality.

Sincerely,

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American Society of Interior Designers
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