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Mr. Eli Harland  
California Energy Commission  
1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: Support of Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) for Research Center funding

Dear Mr. Harland:

I am writing you to express HGA's support for the funding of research centers such as University of California, Berkeley's Center for the Built Environment (CBE) through your Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) program. HGA is a member of CBE's consortium and we find many uses for the research they provide for such systems as under-floor air distribution, radiant systems, advanced integrated systems, and mixed-mode ventilation.

CBE solicits input from design firms and industry partners in regards to research projects. Using this interactive model, the CBE provides timely and effective research and analysis tools that we utilize in our design practice. Our practice includes four offices in California and eight total offices across the country. We often find California leads the nation in research and implementation of emerging technologies, and we regularly hear about these technologies during our involvement with CBE.

HGA invests in CBE through our membership in their consortium. We find the value extends beyond the monetary expenditure and hope that the California Energy Commission finds the same value through the EPIC program.

Sincerely,

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