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Honorable Cathy McGregor
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Honorable Minister McGregor,

Enclosed for your review is a recent study commissioned jointly by Natural Resources Canada, BC Hydro and BOMA BC on the impact of the proposed Workers' Compensation Board regulations for indoor air quality.

BOMA BC is very concerned about the effect these regulations, if approved, will have on the environment. The proposed regulations are extremely vague and, if enforced as we expect, the increased energy needed to pump more outside air into buildings will result in carbon dioxide emissions between 600,000 and 1,000,000 tonnes per year. This is the equivalent of putting approximately 100,000 more cars on the road.

It has not been demonstrated that this regulation is necessary in order to preserve workplace health and safety. A copy of BOMA's position at the WCB Public Hearings is enclosed and will provide you with an overview of the issue.

I encourage you, as Minister of Environment, to raise this issue with the Workers' Compensation Board.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. LaBranche', written in a cursive style.

Paul LaBranche
Executive Director

cc: Premier Glen Clark