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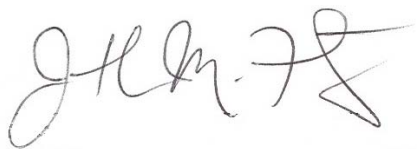
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On behalf of the membership and executive committee of the NCERA-101 Committee on Controlled Environment Technology and Use, we request that we retain the number designation for our group.

The group was originally formed in 1976 under the same number (then “NCR-101”) and maintained that number to the present day, only changing to “NCERA-101” in 2006 to recognize the extension component in the group’s activities. During that period, the group developed and maintained strong ties with stakeholders including controlled environment industries, users, and developers. Today, the group has 130 members spread over 102 institutions and industries, all known by the designation NCERA-101. Due to the expertise developed through the years, notice received both nationally and internationally, and diversity of membership, many other groups recognize the NCERA-101 group by this name rather than the full committee name listed above. Furthermore, the group has established the “101 group” as a valuable resource (see list below) to stakeholders and potential customers through two websites (www.ncr101.org and www.ncera101.org). Our Administrative Advisor, Dr. Ramesh Kanwar, indicates that the NCERA-101 group is recognized as a leading example of how NCERA groups can function; so many other NCERA groups know us by the 101 designation.

Given the history, recognition, ties with the industry, and expertise associated with the NCERA-101 name, we feel it is imperative to retain the NCERA-101 designation for the Committee on Controlled Environment Technology and Use.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J.M. Frantz', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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