



**Department of Energy**  
Washington, DC 20585

November 27, 2023

Dear Mr. Houghton,

By committing to ambitious, portfolio-wide GHG emissions reduction goals, Better Climate Challenge partners like Southampton, NY set an important example for the marketplace to follow. The collective impact of Better Climate Challenge partners benefits nearly every sector of the U.S. economy and is felt by our colleagues, friends, and neighbors in the places they learn, work, and gather together.

In the past year, program partners shared GHG emissions reduction results across more than 850 million square feet of reported building space in addition to more than 2,100 industrial facilities. On average, program partners are achieving a 21% GHG emissions savings from their base year.

We look forward to adding your organization's results to this collective effort and encourage you to continue working with your sector points of contact over the fall and winter to address any barriers you are experiencing.

In addition, we are grateful for your participation in one or more of the Better Climate Challenge working groups. Through these peer exchanges, valuable insights and strategies are discussed to address the real-world challenges faced by organizations like yours. You can learn more about the working groups [here](#), and please let your program contacts know if there are other topics you think should be covered in the future.

We are excited to continue working with you through the Better Climate Challenge and are grateful for your continued partnership. Let us know if there is anything we can do to make your partnership more valuable. Finally, we invite you to read about the contributions of organizations like yours in the [2023 Better Buildings Initiative Progress Report](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Vargas".

Maria Vargas, Director  
Better Buildings Initiative