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Prof. Alicia Durán

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Dear Prof. Duran,

We are writing in support of an Application to the UN for an International Year of Glass in 2022.

The [National Glass Association](#) (NGA) is a United States-based organization representing 1,600 member companies in North America, and the personnel they employ. Our members are engaged in the manufacture, fabrication, and installation of glazing and glass building products.

NGA's vision is for a future in which glass is the material of choice to enhance spaces where people live, play, learn and work. NGA's primary goals are to elevate the image of glass as a safe, healthy, sustainable and inspiring building product, and to advance the industry as a viable, thriving and exciting career path.

An International Year of Glass would help NGA advance its vision and goals by creating a positive image for glass as the material of choice. Glass in the built environment reduces greenhouse emissions, enhances security, has a direct correlation to energy savings, and provides comfort and well-being.

If the application is approved, NGA would leverage its print and online publications and industry events to promote the International Year of Glass. Our annual trade show, [GlassBuild America](#), which draws both international exhibitors and attendees, would be the primary focus. We would be happy to host an event or activity at GlassBuild America 2022, which will take place in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA in the September-October timeframe. [Glass Magazine](#), with a North American and international distribution of 38,000, would also develop a thematic approach and coverage.

We believe an International Year of Glass would not only have a positive impact in North America, but the world over. We wholeheartedly support this endeavor.

Best regards,

Nicole Harris

NGA President & CEO, on behalf of our members, board of directors and staff

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