



September 11, 2020

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
S-230 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
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Dear Majority Leader McConnell and Minority Leader Schumer:

On behalf of the members of the Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI) and the Alliance for Responsible Atmospheric Policy, we are writing in support of the compromise bipartisan hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) phasedown amendment offered to the Senate energy bill (S. 2657) by Environment & Public Works Committee Chairman John Barrasso, Committee Ranking Member Tom Carper, and Senator John Kennedy, and to respectfully request that the energy bill be brought to the Senate floor for consideration as soon as possible.

The broadly bipartisan Barrasso-Carper-Kennedy amendment provides for a federal transition away from HFC refrigerants and into next generation refrigerant technologies, many of which are made in the United States. Further, the amendment provides a rational approach to achieve the gradual phasedown of HFC compounds over a 15-year period. We believe this bipartisan amendment will provide regulatory certainty for U.S. businesses, and secure a position of strength for American companies in a highly competitive global market for next-generation fluorocarbon technologies by creating new U.S. manufacturing jobs and stimulating further investment in the U.S. economy. The amendment will also advance important objectives to protect natural resources and the environment in a balanced and effective way.

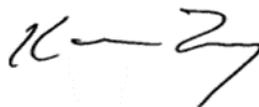
The Barrasso-Carper-Kennedy amendment presents an opportunity to put America first, and to keep American workers at the forefront of this important global industry. A University of Maryland analysis found that this program will generate 33,000 U.S. manufacturing jobs, increase our overall share of the global export market, and improve our annual balance of trade by \$12.5 billion.

On behalf of the 1.3 million Americans currently employed in the overall heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration industry, we urge your support for quick Senate action on an energy bill that includes the bipartisan Barrasso-Carper-Kennedy amendment. It remains our goal to protect U.S. global technology leadership, and create American job -- a goal that we know you share. We look forward to working together to achieve swift Congressional action to enact the Barrasso-Carper-Kennedy amendment and provide invaluable certainty in this extraordinary time.

Sincerely,



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