

November 14, 2019

The Honorable John Kennedy
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Thomas Carper
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Kennedy and Carper:

We are pleased that you and your colleagues recently introduced S. 2754, the American Innovation and Manufacturing Act of 2019, to phase down hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs). There is broad support for such a measure across the business and environmental communities and bipartisan support in Congress.

Affordable replacements for HFCs already exist or are close to market. The approach outlined in S. 2754 would ensure that U.S. manufacturers remain the world leaders and that our foreign competitors would be subject to the same rules we are as we transition out of HFCs.

Phasing out HFCs would directly add 33,000 U.S. manufacturing jobs over the next decade, as well as indirectly adding 117,000 jobs, on top of an already-projected 47% baseline increase over that same period. Total industry output is projected to grow over 70% by 2027. This legislation would grow the U.S. share of the world market for heating, air-conditioning, and refrigeration equipment 25% over its current share.

Thank you for your leadership in addressing next generation refrigerant technologies. The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce (the Chamber) stand ready to assist to move this important bipartisan legislation through Congress and to the President's desk.

Chuck Chaitovitz, the Chamber's Vice President for Environmental Affairs and Sustainability, and Ross Eisenberg, NAM's Vice President of Energy and Resources Policy, will follow up with you and your office to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



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Vice President of Energy
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National Association of Manufacturers



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