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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce supports an amendment offered by Sens. Kennedy and Carper to S. 2657, the "American Energy Innovation Act," that would phase out hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) refrigerants, which are significant greenhouse gases.

We are pleased that the debate on the American Energy Innovation Act has afforded a potential opportunity to focus on legislation to phase out of HFCs. Affordable replacements for HFCs already exist or are close to market. The Kennedy-Carper amendment would ensure that U.S. manufacturers remain global leaders and that our foreign competitors would be subject to the same rules as the domestic economy transitions away from HFCs.

We encourage Senators working on this issue to attempt to conclude an agreement on the Kennedy-Carper amendment that can pass the Senate and be signed into law before work on the energy bill is completed next week. We believe sufficient time remains.

Sincerely,

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