

April 8, 2020

The Honorable John Barrasso
Chairman
Committee on Environment & Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Thomas Carper
Ranking Member
Committee on Environment & Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

On behalf of Honeywell International Inc., I am writing to request your support to pass *The American Innovation and Manufacturing Act of 2019* (AIM Act) (S.2754).

Since its introduction last October, the AIM Act has been widely regarded by the business community as an example of common-sense regulation and as an engine of job creation and new investment in the U.S. economy. As such, it has attracted considerable bipartisan support, with more than 30 co-sponsors, divided evenly among Republicans and Democrats.

The AIM Act also has been endorsed by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers, and a wide range of trade associations serving the U.S. heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration (HVACR) sector, such as the Air-Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI) and the Alliance for Responsible Atmospheric Policy. This also includes trade associations serving contractors, distributors, and other small businesses.

An independent analysis from the University of Maryland's Interindustry Forecasting program (InForum) projects that before this decade is out, the U.S. HVACR industry is projected to employ 2.5 million Americans and contribute more than \$620 billion to the U.S. economy.¹ The AIM Act is necessary to ensure the continued competitiveness and technology leadership of our manufacturers in a fast growing and increasingly crowded global HVACR market.

We understand there have been discussions about whether to amend the bill to preempt states from enacting stricter policies than those of the federal government. However, in our experience, for this industry the most effective preemption is having a credible national program in place. When the current federal program for ozone-depleting substances (predecessors to HFCs) was established decades ago, more than 20 states had regulatory programs in place for those substances. Yet within a few years of federal action, state programs waned and a federal program has since been successfully implemented for 30 years. Over the next 15 years and beyond, the effective national program established by the AIM Act will produce similar results.

¹ <https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/5205002-Consumer-Costs-Final-InforumJMS-20181109.html>

We respectfully request that the Committee support passage of the AIM Act.

Sincerely,

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