



April 1, 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
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Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

On behalf of RenewAire LLC, in Waunakee, WI, I am writing to ask for swift passage into law of *The American Innovation and Manufacturing Act of 2019* (AIM Act) (S.2754).

The AIM Act will establish a federal framework for guiding our industry through a transition out of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) and into next generation refrigerant technologies – many of which are made and manufactured here in the United States. The global market for air conditioning and refrigeration products and equipment is growing rapidly in size and in competitiveness. The AIM act is key to the US HVACR (Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration) industry's ability to compete at home and in the world market. The industry wants this framework in place to help it manage the on-coming transitions, and to avoid the patchwork approach under consideration in many states.

The AIM Act also will put a stop to harmful practice of dumping by foreign competitors in China. Complaints to various trade bodies have not worked; the AIM Act would allow the federal government to put an immediate end to this deleterious practice.

The AIM Act does not give EPA unlimited authority to regulate greenhouse gases. Instead, the legislation provides a highly limited and discrete grant of authority to phase down HFCs. This grant of authority only applies to HFCs and cannot be used for any other purpose. Importantly, the bill would not interfere with the use of HFCs in existing refrigeration and air conditioning equipment – meaning consumers would not be forced to replace equipment before the end of its useful life. The bill also would not constrict aftermarket supplies of HFCs for servicing existing equipment. This protects consumers over the course of the phase down.

The business community sees the AIM Act as a great example of common-sense regulation and way to drive job creation and new investment in the U.S. economy. This accounts for its strong bipartisan support, with over 30 co-sponsors, divided evenly among Republicans and Democrats.

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The AIM Act has been endorsed by:

- U.S. Chamber of Commerce
- National Association of Manufacturers
- Air-Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI)
- Alliance for Responsible Atmospheric Policy
- Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA)
- Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors Association (PHCC)
- Sheet Metal & Air Conditioning Contractors National Association (SMACNA)
- Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Distributors International (HARDI).

With the targeted support of the AIM Act, the U.S. HVACR industry is projected to employ 2.5 million Americans and contribute more than \$620 billion to the U.S. economy by 2030.

I am not alone in urging your action to pass this legislation: over 30 CEOs of many of the most significant HVACR manufactures in the United States wrote you last October urging your support for the AIM Act and its swift enactment.

In light of the present circumstances, the urgency facing many American businesses in the U.S. HVACR industry has grown greater and even more immediate. On behalf of the more than 150 employees of RenewAire LLC, in Waunakee, WI, we urge you to support the AIM Act and ensure its swift passage as soon as may be possible this year.

Sincerely,

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- The Honorable James M. Inhofe
- The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
- The Honorable Kevin Cramer
- The Honorable Mike Braun
- The Honorable Mike Rounds
- The Honorable Dan Sullivan
- The Honorable John Boozman
- The Honorable Roger F. Wicker
- The Honorable Richard Shelby
- The Honorable Joni Ernst

- The Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin
- The Honorable Bernard Sanders
- The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse
- The Honorable Jeff Merkley
- The Honorable Kristen Gillibrand
- The Honorable Cory A. Booker
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April 6, 2020

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Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

As Chief Executive Officer of RenewAire LLC, in Waunakee, WI, I urge rapid action to pass into law of *The American Innovation and Manufacturing Act of 2019* (AIM Act) (S.2754).

As the US and the HVACR (heating, ventilation, air-conditioning and refrigeration) industry respond to coronavirus and the potentially devastating impacts it could have on the U.S. economy, the AIM Act has become that much more important American manufacturers and workers.

The AIM Act is a common-sense approach to coordination of refrigeration transition in the US and worldwide and provides certainty for industry. It has bi-partisan support and is backed by a long list of industry members and organizations.

The AIM Act does not grant wide new powers to the EPA. Instead, the legislation provides a limited, well-defined authority to guide the transition to of HFCs, nothing more. The bill allows continued use of HFCs in existing refrigeration and air conditioning equipment – so consumers can use their current equipment until the end of its useful life. The bill further protects consumers by providing for aftermarket supplies of HFCs for servicing existing equipment.

On behalf of the more than 150 employees of RenewAire LLC, in Waunakee, WI, we urge you to support the AIM Act and ensure its swift passage as soon as may be possible this year.

Sincerely,

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