

## United States Senate

April 8, 2020

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

The Honorable Thomas Carper  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Environment & Public  
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SMALL BUSINESS AND  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Dear Senator Barrasso and Senator Carper:

We write in support of the Kennedy/Carper American Innovation and Manufacturing (AIM) Act of 2019, or S. 2754, and a transition to the next generation of refrigerant technologies. The AIM Act looks to support U.S. manufacturers in the heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration sector by providing a clear path to an orderly transition to next generation refrigerant technologies, many of which are made only in the United States.

This will significantly benefit the U.S. manufacturing sector and create thousands of jobs nationwide. In fact, the AIM Act is projected to create 33,000 manufacturing jobs and an additional 117,000 good paying indirect jobs over the next decade. Additionally, industry expects the AIM Act will improve the U.S. trade imbalance in chemicals and equipment by \$12.5 billion and increase manufacturing output by almost \$37 billion by 2027. This, mind you, without costing the government anything. Further, by fostering a smooth transition to commercially available next generation technologies developed by American industry, we can ensure certainty for businesses that will lead to substantial savings for both industry and consumers alike. For example, reports indicate that with the passage of the AIM Act the U.S. consumer will enjoy a cost savings of at least \$3.9 billion within the first 15 years alone.

This bipartisan bill is supported by more than one third of the U.S. Senate representing constituents from more than 26 states. Supporters of this bill form an incredibly diverse coalition of lawmakers that believe two things can true at the same time. This bill is not only good for business and the consumer, but it is good for the environment as well. The AIM Act reflects a strong bipartisan interest in finding ways to ensure American manufacturers and workers can produce new and innovative products and equipment for a fast growing and increasingly competitive global market all the while protecting our environment with a transition to cleaner technologies. A failure to find a path forward for this industry could transfer our American advantage to other countries, including China, which have been dumping outdated products into the global marketplace and our backyard. Thankfully, there is a clear path forward to protect American interests and promote tens of thousands of jobs here at home.

The AIM Act will protect American workers, grow our economy, and improve our trade balance all while encouraging further innovation to strengthen America's leadership role. The AIM Act continues to be broadly supported by industry, environmentalists, and groups such as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, National Association of Manufacturers, and the Natural

Resources Defense Council. We continue to maintain and grow support for this important issue and request that the AIM Act be brought up on the Senate floor for a vote when appropriate.

Sincerely,



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John Kennedy  
United States Senator



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Christopher E. Coons  
United States Senator



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Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator



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Brian Schatz  
United States Senator



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Lamar Alexander  
United States Senator



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Sheldon Whitehouse  
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