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Chairman Barrasso  
307 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-5003

Ranking Member Carper  
513 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Re: American Innovation and Manufacturing Act of 2019 (S.2754)

Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper,

As a network of 58 leading U.S. businesses and business groups, Business for Innovative Climate and Energy Policy (BICEP), supports the passage of the American Innovation and Manufacturing Act of 2019 (AIM Act). By phasing down the production and consumption of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), the bill will have major positive implications for economic growth, job creation, and climate mitigation.

HFCs are a class of chemicals with applications including refrigeration, cooling, fire suppressants, foam insulation, solvents, and aerosols and were developed to replace ozone-depleting chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs). While not ozone-depleting, HFCs are super-polluting greenhouse gases that can range between a thousand to tens of thousands of times as damaging in their global warming potential as carbon dioxide. Alternatives to HFCs that do not contribute to global warming are already available, and many are designed and produced in the United States.

The international community is committed to phasing down HFCs, and U.S. industry is poised to lead in the manufacturing of replacement chemicals and systems for HFCs. Phasedown of HFCs in the United States is expected to deliver billions of dollars of economic benefit and tens of thousands of new jobs. Analysis of the AIM Act estimates that the bill will create an additional 150,000 direct and indirect U.S. jobs as well as generate \$38.8 billion in economic benefits annually by 2027.

Many companies in BICEP use HFCs in production processes, products, direct operations, and supply chains, and see significant advantages to an orderly phasedown of HFCs and their replacement with next-generation chemicals - replacement products that have been developed by American companies and whose production will benefit the U.S. economy.

The BICEP Network respectfully encourages you to support the passage of the AIM Act. Thank you for your consideration and please let us know if you have any follow up questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anne L. Kelly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

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The [Ceres BICEP Network](http://www.ceres.org/bicep) comprises influential companies advocating for stronger climate and clean energy policies at the state and federal level in the U.S. As powerful champions of the accelerated transition to a low-carbon economy, Ceres BICEP Network members have weighed in when it has mattered most. For more information on the Ceres BICEP Network, visit [www.ceres.org/BICEP](http://www.ceres.org/BICEP).