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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
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Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper,

I am writing on behalf of the Chemours Company to urge action on The American Innovation and Manufacturing Act of 2019 (AIM Act) (S, 2754), Federal legislation to phasedown manufacture and use of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) in the United States.

Chemours is a manufacturer of HFCs, and hydrofluoroolefins (HFOs), a next generation replacement for HFCs with lower Global Warming Potential. Chemours manufactures HFCs at facilities in Texas, Kentucky, and Arkansas, and HFOs at a facility opened last year in Texas.

A nationwide phasedown of HFCs is important for a number of reasons. First, our current regulatory landscape and lack of federal policy is benefitting foreign industry - from allowing dumping by Chinese firms in U.S. markets to aiding non-domestic manufacturers in advancing use of their alternative products. Secondly, U.S. companies have invested tremendous resources to create American HFO technology – from investments in research and development conducted by American scientists, to capital investments in new domestic manufacturing facilities, to research in U.S. laboratories focused on helping our customers use these new, advanced products. And finally, every day's delay in implementing a Federal HFC Phasedown impacts our ability to further invest in new job creation and domestic innovation. Chemours alone has made investments exceeding half a billion dollars in the United States for these new technologies.

We have offered suggestions to achieve consistency with previous transitions of refrigerant products (under the Montreal Protocol), and to safeguard against unintentionally aiding continued dumping of Chinese HFCs on the U.S. market. Our experience of recent years in both the U.S. and Europe underscores the need to be clear in legislation and diligent in enforcement. Our suggestions have been provided to Majority and Minority Committee Staff.

The Chairman and other Congressional Republicans have called for preemption of State initiated actions. We believe a suitable, common sense approach is possible. We commit to working with the Chairman and Ranking Member to identify a workable solution that allows federal legislation to advance.

The AIM Act will provide a federal framework for an orderly transition to next generation technologies, many of which are manufactured here in the United States. As our nation emerges from this present crisis, policies that promote domestic investment and put American workers to work deserve thoughtful action.

In closing, I want to thank Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper for agreeing to receive comments in an unconventional way during these unprecedented times. I applaud your concern for human health in the face of sickness and death on a scale unimaginable just weeks ago. Although our patterns of interaction may be changed for some time to come, Chemours is willing to work with you, your staff, and others on your Committee to move forward on the AIM act and pass HFC phase down legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edwin C. Sparks", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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