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

The Honorable Thomas Carper
Ranking Member
Environment & Public Works
Committee
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Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

On behalf of U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), a national nonprofit representing nearly 9,000 member companies and organizations committed to cost-effective and high-performing buildings I am writing to urge swift passage of *The American Innovation and Manufacturing Act of 2019* (AIM Act) (S.2754).

As the country grapples with great economic uncertainty, the importance of the AIM Act to American manufacturers and workers in the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) industry has come into greater focus. Since introduction in 2019, the AIM Act has been widely regarded as an example of common-sense regulation and an engine of job creation and new investment in the U.S. economy.

Private and public sector support for energy efficiency and sustainability within the U.S. has enabled a thriving industry, and in turn is creating a huge export market for U.S. - made building products and services. The U.S. Department of Commerce projected a \$39 billion export market for the building sector in 2018, with focus on sustainable, energy efficient goods and services.¹

As such, the AIM Act is critical to maintaining the competitiveness of American manufacturers in a rapidly growing and increasingly competitive global marketplace. The Act maintains and extends U.S. leadership and allows American companies, workers, and consumers to continue to reap the benefits of long-term research and development made by domestic companies.

We urge support of the AIM Act. Please do not hesitate to contact me (bhoward@usgbc.org) (202)-640-2344 if you have any questions or wish to discuss these issues further.

¹Joanne Littlefair, "2016 Top Markets Report Building Products and Sustainable Construction: A Market Assessment Tool for U.S. Exporters" (U.S. Department of Commerce International Trade Administration, Washington D.C., 2016), p.4.



Sincerely,

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Bryan Howard
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