



April 6th, 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 Works
United States Senate
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Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

Thank you to the Committee for scheduling this important hearing to take comment on how the Congress can spur the Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration (HVACR) industry to scale the manufacture of new, environmentally-sustainable HVACR systems.

I am writing on behalf of The Consumer Goods Forum (“CGF”) to urge your support for favourable consideration and swift passage of The American Innovation and Manufacturing Act of 2019 (AIM Act) (S.2754).

The Consumer Goods Forum (“CGF”) is a global, parity-based industry network that is driven by its members to encourage the global adoption of practices and standards that serves the consumer goods industry worldwide. It brings together the CEOs and senior management of some 400 retailers, manufacturers, service providers, and other stakeholders across 70 countries, and it reflects the diversity of the industry in geography, size, product category and format. Its member companies have combined sales of EUR 3.5 trillion and directly employ nearly 10 million people, with a further 90 million related jobs estimated along the value chain. It is governed by its Board of Directors, which comprises more than 50 manufacturer and retailer CEOs

Member companies of The Consumer Goods Forum recognise that a rapid phase down of high GWP (global warming potential) HFC (hydrofluorocarbon) refrigerants and sustainable management of refrigeration systems is necessary to meet the goals set out in the Paris Climate Agreement (COP21).

Through our 2010 and 2016 Resolutions, we committed to phase down HFCs and implement energy efficient climate-friendly cooling throughout our businesses, with transparent action plans for achieving these targets.

To meet this objective and supported by our CEO-led Board of Directors, we continue to call on our industry partners to match this ambition and work together to achieve sustainable commercial refrigeration worldwide.



We also call on governments to facilitate the roll-out of energy efficient HFC-free cooling systems including through effective implementation of the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol.

To support this, as the only organisation bringing consumer goods retailers and manufacturers together globally, the CGF has been able to bring members together to discuss the barriers and solutions to a faster and geographically wider uptake of natural refrigeration systems.

Most recently, in 2018, we published a thought leadership piece called "[Understanding the Most Cost-Effective Way to Fight Climate Change](#)". It highlights the benefits of using energy efficient HFC-free technologies and features case studies from companies who have already made the switch to such systems.

Evidence shows that there are energy-efficient HFC-free solutions for any type of application and store format, guaranteeing reliable operation, lower operation costs, and proofing against future regulatory measures. The report highlights several examples of end users that have adopted strategies to reduce the environmental impact of their stores and implemented innovative energy efficient technologies.

The CGF encourages you to support the AIM Act and ensure its swift passage this year. I remain available at your convenience should you have any questions or wish to discuss further.

Yours sincerely,

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