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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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April 2, 2020

Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

I am writing to you on behalf of HVAC Excellence regarding *The American Innovation and Manufacturing Act of 2019* (AIM Act) (S.2754). HVAC Excellence works with over 2,000 educational training facilities and apprenticeship programs that are working to train the future workforce of the HVACR industry. The provisions of the AIM Act are desperately needed to ensure that there are jobs awaiting these workers as they complete their training. The AIM Act can provide vital stability to the entire HVACR industry through the creation of 33,000 new jobs and by sustaining 138,400 existing jobs. It can also increase direct U.S. manufacturing output by \$12.5 billion and boost exports by 25 percent. The HVACR industry currently employs millions of workers and contributes billions to the U.S. economy. The projected growth of our industry, in jobs and dollars, can only be realized through passage of the AIM Act.

The AIM Act will establish a federal framework for guiding our industry through a transition away from hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) and into next generation refrigerant technologies – many of which are made and manufactured here in the United States. The AIM Act helps our industry maintain its technology leadership, which in turn helps American manufacturers expand their share of the global market.

Currently, our country is grappling with the coronavirus, which is having a devastating impact on U.S. jobs and our economy. Passage of the AIM Act would be a shining example of leadership and provide clarity in an otherwise cloudy and uncertain time in our lives. On behalf of HVAC Excellence, the training organizations and apprenticeship programs that we support and work with, and the tens of thousands of trainees that aspire to be the future workforce of the HVACR industry, we urge you to support the AIM Act and act to ensure its swift passage as soon as may be possible this year.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable James M. Inhofe
The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
The Honorable Kevin Cramer
The Honorable Mike Braun
The Honorable Mike Rounds
The Honorable Dan Sullivan
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