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April 7, 2020

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

The Honorable Thomas Carper,  
Ranking Member, Committee on  
Environment & Public Works (EPW)  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

*The American Innovation and Manufacturing Act of 2019 (AIM Act) (S.2754)* is vital to the continued competitiveness of the commercial foodservice equipment & supplies industry. On behalf of the North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers (NAFEM), we ask that the AIM Act be considered by the Committee on Environment & Public Works (EPW) and passed into law as soon as possible.

The AIM Act will establish a federal framework for guiding the commercial food equipment industry through a transition out of 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.

The economic benefits of the AIM Act are well known: 33 million new jobs, \$12.5 billion in new investment, and a 25 percent boost in exports. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers, and major trade associations serving the U.S. HVACR industry have all endorsed the bill. More than 30 Republican and Democratic senators have co-sponsored it. And more than 30 CEOs have written the Committee to express their support.

On behalf of NAFEM's 600 member companies, we respectfully request the Committee to make consideration of the AIM Act a priority and support its enactment as soon as possible this year.

Sincerely,

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