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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
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 United States Senate
 Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

I am writing on behalf of The Delfield Company, a Welbilt brand to urge your support for the swift consideration and passage of The American Innovation and Manufacturing Act of 2019 (AIM Act) (S.2754).

The AIM Act provides a federal framework for phasing down hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) and enabling an orderly transition to next generation refrigerant technologies. This is vital to the continued competitiveness of the U.S. heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration (HVACR) sector.

According to a study by the Interindustry Forecasting group at the University of Maryland, the phase down of HFCs will:

- Create 33,000 new U.S. manufacturing jobs and sustain 138,400 existing jobs between now and 2027;
- Increase direct U.S. manufacturing output by \$12.5 billion, and total (direct and indirect) U.S. manufacturing output by \$38.8 billion between now and 2027; and,
- Improve the U.S. trade balance in equipment and chemicals by \$12.5 billion.

These trade and economic benefits are why the AIM Act is broadly supported by a large, bipartisan group of more than 30 Republicans and Democrats in the United States Senate and has the support of the U.S. HVACR industry, the National Association of Manufacturers, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

For the over 500 employees of The Delfield Company with locations in Covington, TN and Mount Pleasant, MI, I respectfully request your help in securing a prosperous future manufacturing and innovation in the United States with the enactment of the AIM Act as soon as possible this year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darrel Walker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

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