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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
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Barrasso and Senator Carper:

I am writing on behalf of A-Gas to urge your support for the swift consideration and passage of *The American Innovation and Manufacturing Act of 2019* (AIM Act) (S.2754).

As a country, we should be immensely proud that we have the people, technology, and markets to bring about significant change through the practical balance of advancing our domestic industries with the sustainability of our environment. I believe that the AIM Act provides the necessary leadership, and at the right time, to achieve this balance.

The American refrigeration industry continues to lead in the development of our next generation technologies: more efficient, safer, and less overall impact to the environment. This has been the hallmark of this industry for over 50 years. These advancements in technology exist not only in the manufacture of these products, but also in the equipment they are used in, and the technologies available to safely recover, recycle, and manage the overall lifecycle of these materials when they are no longer needed.

The AIM Act is an example of our leadership in phasing down hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) and supporting a well-managed transition to the next generation of refrigerants and technologies. This is vital to the continued competitiveness of the U.S. heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration (HVACR) sector.

Pragmatic environmental stewardship is a top priority for not only our country but also for each of our states. Federal leadership and support of the AIM Act delivers the partnership that we need to ensure an aligned and balanced approach. Many states have the resources, passion, and commitment to deliver similar programs, as necessary, to support the interests of their citizens.





Absent a visible commitment from the government to support an orderly phasedown of HFCs, these states will develop their own programs, which will create myriad challenges for our customers, industry, and regulatory partners across the country. Each of these states is waiting for Congress to commit to this as a priority and then partner with the US government in a well-aligned approach. The Aim Act IS the vehicle for this alignment.

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 275 employees of A-Gas in Ohio, Texas and Arizona / USA, I respectfully request your help in securing a prosperous future for manufacturing and innovation in the United States with the enactment of the AIM Act as soon as possible this year.

Sincerely,

Mike Armstrong
President
A-Gas

cc:

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
The Honorable John Boozman
The Honorable Roger F. Wicker
The Honorable Richard Shelby
The Honorable Joni Ernst

The Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin
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