



April 8, 2020

The Honorable John Barrasso  
U.S. Senate  
Committee on Environment and  
Public Works  
307 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Thomas Carper  
U.S. Senate  
Committee on Environment and  
Public Works  
513 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

On behalf of the Aerospace Industries Association which represents over 300 leading manufacturers and suppliers and employs over 2.5 million U.S workers, I am writing in regard to S.2754 which has been referred to the jurisdiction of the Environment and Public Works Committee for consideration.

The goal of S.2754 is to potentially accelerate the phase down of the use and manufacture of HFCs. We believe this goal is achievable. As you know, the compounds have many useful industrial applications for which substitutes may be readily available. However, there are some uses which do not have readily available substitutes, such as for onboard fire suppression agents on commercial and military aircraft. In these critical safety related cases, exemptions should be considered by the Committee. The option for exemptions is included in the bill, but we wanted to be sure to raise awareness to our concerns so they are addressed as part of the process.

We understand and are pleased that you are conducting an information-gathering process to help inform your decisions on the bill. We stand ready and would appreciate the opportunity to work with both of you to ensure that important aerospace safety uses are preserved.

Thank you for your consideration of our view and this request. Please have your staff reach out to me directly with any questions at (703) 358-1060 or [tim.mcclees@aia-aerospace.org](mailto:tim.mcclees@aia-aerospace.org).

Sincerely,

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