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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 Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

I am writing on behalf of Vertiv to urge your support for the swift consideration and passage of The American Innovation and Manufacturing Act of 2019 (AIM Act) (S.2754). Vertiv is a manufacturer of Federally Regulated computer room air conditioning equipment (CRAC) used to maintain operation of critical to infrastructure data centers throughout the United States and the world.

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.



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For the 8000+ employees of Vertiv spread throughout the United States in 13 manufacturing plants and 100+ Service Centers. 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,

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ASHRAE member

ASHRAE Standard 90.4 – Energy Standard for Data Centers – voting member

AHRI Standard 1360 – Performance Rating of Computer and Data Processing Room Air Conditioners – voting member

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