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The Honorable John Barrasso
Chairman
Committee on Environment & Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Thomas Carper
Ranking Member
Committee on Environment & Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Barrasso and Senator Carper:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a written statement on behalf of S. 2754, the American Innovation and Manufacturing Act (AIM) of 2019. As many have noted, it is not often you see a bipartisan agreement on an issue as important as this one.

The AIM Act will establish a framework to phasedown the use of hydrofluorocarbons and transition to the next generation of refrigerant technologies. American manufacturers are leading the way in using new technologies to develop environmentally-friendly substitutes for hydrofluorocarbons and we should encourage this to continue.

While there is broad support for a smooth transition to next generation technologies, as a cosponsor of the AIM Act, I recognize there is still work to be done. I believe with the committee's strong leadership, we can find a path forward that is suitable for all users and consumers of hydrofluorocarbons.

Again, thank you for holding this hearing and your consideration of S. 2754. I look forward to working with my colleagues on this important issue.

Sincerely,



Bill Cassidy, M.D.