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AHRI Applauds Introduction of HVACR Jobs Bill

Arlington, Va. – The Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI) today expressed strong support for legislation introduced in the House of Representatives by Representatives Paul Tonko (D-NY), Pete Olson (R-TX), Scott Peters (D-CA), and Elise Stefanik (R-NY) that would boost American manufacturing of next generation refrigerant technologies, promote American technology, and create tens of thousands of new jobs.

The American Innovation and Manufacturing Leadership Act, HR 5544, would bring about a phase down of a class of refrigerants known as hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) and allow for a market- and consumer-friendly transition to new and better performing refrigerants and related products and equipment.

The bill is similar to the American Innovation and Manufacturing Act (S.2457), introduced in the Senate on October 30th by Senators John Kennedy (R-LA) and Tom Carper (D-DE), which now has 32 bipartisan co-sponsors. Although the bills differ slightly in structure and organization, both would produce the same Federal regulatory framework to phase down HFCs.

“This bill brings us one step closer to implementing an HFC phase down and reaping the substantial economic benefits associated with this transition in refrigerant technologies,” said AHRI President and CEO Stephen Yurek. “Both the House and the Senate bills will accomplish our industry’s refrigerant objective while also protecting consumers and providing significant economic and environmental benefits.”

According to a 2018 [study](#) by the Interindustry Forecasting at the University of Maryland (INFORUM), an HFC phase down will create 33,000 new manufacturing jobs, increase direct manufacturing output by \$12.5 billion, increase the U.S. share of the global HVACR export market by 25 percent.

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The Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI) is the trade association representing manufacturers of air conditioning, heating, and commercial refrigeration, and water heating equipment. An internationally recognized advocate for the industry, AHRI develops standards for and certifies the performance of many of these products. AHRI's 300+ member companies manufacture quality, efficient, and innovative residential and commercial air conditioning, space heating, water heating, and commercial refrigeration equipment and components for sale in North America and around the world.