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The United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator:

Manufacturers are committed to address climate change while increasing the global competitiveness of U.S. industries. That is why the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) has been a leader in supporting S. 2754, American Innovation and Manufacturing (AIM) Act, to phase down hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs). On behalf of the 14,000 manufacturers we represent and the 12.8 million men and women who make things in America, the NAM commends Senator John Kennedy (R-LA) and Senator Tom Carper (D-DE) for their leadership in offering the AIM Act as an amendment to S. 2657, the American Energy Innovation Act, and urge its adoption.

Phasing out HFCs represents a critical near-term step in addressing climate change and does so in a way that makes manufacturing in America more competitive. The AIM Act would grow the U.S. share of the world market for heating, air-conditioning, and refrigeration equipment by 25% over a decade, resulting in an additional 150,000 American jobs, 33,000 of which would be in manufacturing.<sup>1</sup>

The Kennedy-Carper Senate Amendment 1504 would ensure that U.S. manufacturers remain the world leaders and that our foreign competitors would be subject to the same rules we are as we transition out of HFCs. The NAM will continue advocating for policies that encourage domestic emissions reductions so that the U.S. continues to lead on the global stage, driving our international counterparts to do the same.

Manufacturers are committed to increasing our productivity and expanding our businesses, and we are committed to doing so in a way that is sensible, smart and sustainable. The NAM urges the Senate to adopt Senate Amendment 1504 to S. 2657 and pass the amended American Energy Innovation Act.

Sincerely,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> JMS Consulting, Economic Impacts of U.S. Ratification of the Kigali Amendment, April 19, 2018. Leading Innovation. Creating Opportunity. Pursuing Progress.