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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable John Kennedy
Senator
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Subject: Support SA 1504, The American Innovation and Manufacturing (AIM) Act

Dear Majority Leader McConnell and Senator Kennedy:

On behalf of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), a national nonprofit representing nearly 9,000 member companies and organizations committed to cost-effective and high-performing buildings, I write to urge continuous support for Sen. John Kennedy's amendment 1504 to S.2657, the Senate energy bill. This important amendment would phase down hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) and transition the United States to next generation refrigerant technologies.

Private and public sector support for energy efficiency and sustainability within the U.S. has enabled a thriving industry, and in turn is creating a huge export market for U.S.-made building products and services. The U.S. Department of Commerce projected a \$39 billion export market for the building sector in 2018, with focus on sustainable, energy efficient goods and services.¹

The Kennedy amendment is critical to maintaining the competitiveness of American manufacturers in a rapidly growing and increasingly competitive global heating, ventilation, and air conditioning HVAC market. The amendment maintains and extends U.S. leadership and allows American companies, workers, and consumers to continue to reap the benefits of long-term research and development made by domestic companies.

We urge support for Sen. Kennedy's amendment to the Senate energy bill. Please do not hesitate to contact me (bhoward@usgbc.org or 202-640-2344) if you have any questions or wish to discuss these issues further.

¹ Joanne Littlefair, "2016 Top Markets Report Building Products and Sustainable Construction: A Market Assessment Tool for U.S. Exporters" (U.S. Department of Commerce International Trade Administration, Washington D.C., 2016), p.4.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of two stylized, overlapping 'Z' or '2' shapes.

Bryan Howard
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U.S. Green Building Council