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The Honorable Paul Tonko  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Environment & Climate  
Change  
Committee on Energy & Commerce  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable John Shimkus  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Environment & Climate  
Change  
Committee on Energy & Commerce  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Tonko and Representative Shimkus:

We write in support of The American Innovation and Manufacturing Act (AIM) of 2019 and a transition to the next generation of refrigerant technologies. The AIM Act looks to support U.S. manufacturers in the heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration sector by providing a clear path to an orderly transition to next generation refrigerant technologies, many of which are made only in the United States.

This will significantly benefit the U.S manufacturing sector and create thousands of jobs nationwide. Further, by fostering a smooth transition to commercially available next generation technologies developed by American industry, we can ensure certainty for businesses that will lead to substantial savings for both industry and consumers alike.

The American Innovation and Manufacturing Leadership Act of 2020, introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. Paul Tonko and Rep. Pete Olson, is in many respects similar to the Senate AIM Act. Both bills reflect a strong bipartisan interest in finding ways to ensure American manufacturers and workers can produce new and innovative products and equipment for a fast growing and increasingly competitive global market.

A failure to find a path forward for this industry could transfer our American advantage to other countries, including China, which have been dumping outdated products into the global marketplace and our backyard. Thankfully, there is clear path forward to protect American interests.

The AIM Act will protect American workers, grow our economy, and improve our trade balance all while encouraging further innovation to strengthen America's leadership role. We have been heartened to see bipartisan support for this important issue in the Senate and we look forward to working with your committee to support American jobs and technology.

Sincerely,



John Kennedy  
United States Senator



Bill Cassidy, M.D.  
United States Senator

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