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Chairman Frank Pallone
House Energy & Commerce Committee
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Chairman Paul Tonko
Environment & Climate Change
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2369 Rayburn HOB
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Ranking Member Greg Walden
House Energy & Commerce Committee
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Ranking Member John Shimkus
Environment & Climate Change
Subcommittee
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Re: American Innovation and Manufacturing Leadership Act of 2020

Dear Chairman Pallone, Ranking Member Walden, Chairman Tonko, and Ranking Member Shimkus,

As a network of 56 leading U.S. businesses and business groups, Business for Innovative Climate and Energy Policy (BICEP), supports the passage of the American Innovation and Manufacturing Leadership Act of 2020. By phasing down the production and consumption of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), the bill will have major positive implications for economic growth, job creation, and climate mitigation.

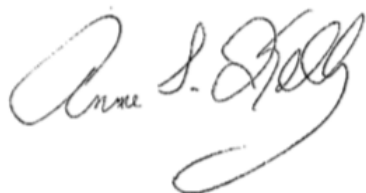
HFCs are a class of chemicals with applications including refrigeration, cooling, fire suppressants, foam insulation, solvents, and aerosols and were developed to replace ozone-depleting chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs). While not ozone-depleting, HFCs are super-polluting greenhouse gases that can range between a thousand to tens of thousands of times as damaging in their global warming potential as carbon dioxide. Alternatives to HFCs that do not contribute to global warming are already available, and many are designed and produced in the United States.

The international community is committed to phasing down HFCs, and U.S. industry is poised to lead in the manufacturing of replacement chemicals and systems for HFCs. Phasedown of HFCs in the United States is expected to deliver billions of dollars of economic benefit and tens of thousands of new jobs. Analysis of the AIM Act (S.2754), the Senate companion legislation to the American Innovation and Manufacturing Leadership Act of 2020, estimates that the bill will create an additional 150,000 direct and indirect U.S. jobs as well as generate \$38.8 billion in economic benefits annually by 2027.

Many companies in BICEP use HFCs in production processes, products, direct operations, and supply chains, and see significant advantages to an orderly phasedown of HFCs and their replacement with next-generation chemicals - replacement products that have been developed by American companies and whose production will benefit the U.S. economy.

The BICEP Network thanks you for your leadership in introducing and holding a hearing on the American Innovation and Manufacturing Leadership Act of 2020. We urge the committee to advance it without delay and work with House and Senate leadership to move it forward. Thank you for your consideration and please let us know if you have any follow up questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anne L. Kelly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

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The [Ceres BICEP Network](http://www.ceres.org/BICEP) comprises influential companies advocating for stronger climate and clean energy policies at the state and federal level in the U.S. As powerful champions of the accelerated transition to a low-carbon economy, Ceres BICEP Network members have weighed in when it has mattered most. For more information on the Ceres BICEP Network, visit www.ceres.org/BICEP.