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The Honorable Robert Menendez
Chairman
Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
423 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable James Risch
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
423 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Dear Chairman Menendez and Ranking Member Risch:

As members of the bipartisan Senate Climate Solutions Caucus who supported the *American Innovation and Manufacturing (AIM) Act*, we are encouraged by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's consideration of the Kigali amendment to the Montreal Protocol. Ratification of this amendment would help secure America's place as a global leader in several manufacturing industries, and in turn give American products an advantage in the international marketplace.

Under the framework of the Montreal Protocol, U.S. industry has for years positioned itself as a leader in the effort to develop alternatives to hydroflouorocarbons (HFCs), including for use in heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration (HVACR). The Montreal Protocol enjoys bipartisan support due to the active cooperation of U.S. industry with the government over the 30-year history of the treaty.

Ratification of the Kigali Amendment will sustain and expand the employment, investment, and trade benefits of the *AIM Act*, enacted in 2020 and led by Senators John Kennedy (R-LA) and Tom Carper (D-DE). American companies and workers are poised to significantly benefit from the transition to HFC substitutes. The University of Maryland's Inter-Industry Forecasting Project (INFORUM) estimates that implementation of the Kigali Amendment will add 33,000 new jobs and \$12.5 billion in direct output to the U.S. economy, and generate a 25 percent increase in exports of American-made HVACR products¹. Failure to ratify this amendment could allow our competitors to reap these benefits and may lead other countries to place import restrictions on American products. We look forward to working with you to provide advice and consent on this important treaty.

Sincerely,

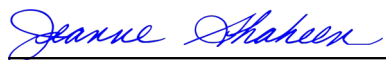
¹ [“Economic Impacts of U.S. Ratification of the Kigali Amendment.”](#) *Industry Forecasting at the University of Maryland (INFORUM) and JMS Consulting, 2018.*



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