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The U.S. Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator:

Through constant innovation, investment and dedication, manufacturers in the U.S. have become leaders in environmental stewardship and sustainability, while continuing to be the engine that drives our economic growth and prosperity. The National Association of Manufacturers advocates for climate action that meets science-based targets while strengthening manufacturing competitiveness. The NAM has long called for equitable international agreements while continuing to drive reductions domestically. As such, the NAM supports Treaty Document 117-1, the amendment to the Montreal Protocol, also known as the "Kigali Amendment" and urges your support.

Under the Montreal Protocol, hydrofluorocarbons were primarily used to replace ozone-depleting substances, but their high potency as greenhouse gases has led to the development of replacement products with a smaller environmental impact. The Kigali Amendment sets a path to phasedown HFC and reduce the equivalent of 80 billion metric tons of CO2 by 2050, with the potential to create up to 150,000 more U.S. jobs by 2027. Congress listened to manufacturers and passed a bipartisan deal to domestically phasedown HFCs, and full ratification of the Kigali Amendment would further strengthen our global leadership and put the U.S. in a position to hold countries like China and India accountable.

Taken together, these actions help put our country and our world on the path to a more promising future—one where the environment, the economy and people can thrive. This is not just a win for the environment, but a win for the men and women who make things in America. Manufacturers urge the Senate to ratify the Kigali Amendment without delay to protect American workers, grow the economy, and improve our trade balance all while encouraging further innovation to strengthen America's technology leadership. If we work together—if we rise above politics and partisanship and focus on solving problems—we can make our vision of a brighter tomorrow into reality.

Sincerely,

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