

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

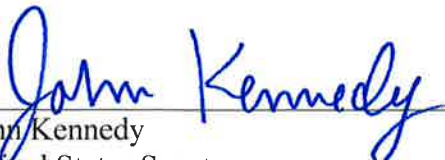
We write to urge you to send the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol to the Senate for its advice and consent. The Kigali Amendment is intended to foster a smooth transition to commercially available next generation technologies developed by American industry. By sending this amendment to the Senate, you will help secure America's place as the global leader in several manufacturing industries, and in turn give American workers an advantage against their competitors 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 beneficial technology transitions relating to the use of fluorocarbon technologies, including air conditioning and refrigeration technologies. In fact, the Montreal Protocol has its roots in the Reagan Administration and has enjoyed bipartisan support since its inception. This leadership is due in part to the active participation of U.S. industry members with the government over the 30-year history of the treaty and can only continue through Senate ratification of the Kigali Amendment.

Right now, American companies and their 589,000 employees are poised to significantly benefit from the transitions contemplated by the Kigali Amendment, transitions that other countries already have in place. The Kigali Amendment is projected to increase U.S. manufacturing jobs by 33,000, increase exports by \$4.8 billion, and improve the heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and refrigeration industry (HVACR) balance of trade. The failure to ratify this amendment could transfer our American advantage to other countries, including China, which have been dumping outdated products into the global marketplace and our backyard.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 a clear path forward to protect American interests.

We urge you to send this amendment to the Senate for its consideration. The impacted industries in our country played a major role in shaping this amendment and are supportive of its ratification and implementation. The Kigali Amendment will protect American workers, grow our economy, and improve our trade balance all while encouraging further innovation to strengthen America's leadership role. We look forward to working with you on this important effort to support American jobs and technology.


Sincerely,



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