



The Alliance

for Responsible Atmospheric Policy

**Remarks from Alliance Chairman Robert Wilkins
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Good Morning. I'm Robert Wilkins and I am honored to speak here today as chairman of the Alliance for Responsible Atmospheric Policy, an industry coalition organized in 1980 to address the issue of stratospheric ozone depletion. Today, September 16, has been designated the "International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer" to recognize our collective achievements to address ozone depletion.

The Alliance now represents more than 100 companies across several industry sectors focused on developing responsible international policies on ozone protection and climate change mitigation. Our members provide products and technologies vital to societal benefits of health, food safety, comfort and productivity.

We pledge our commitment to actions and to support policies to reduce global HFC use by 80 percent by 2050. We all recognize this won't be easy or quick, but as technology companies, we firmly believe that with the right global policies our industries can develop and deploy solutions that are both environmentally and economically effective.

These industry commitments must be paired with a global market-based phase-down mechanism. Concurrently, for products already in service in the field, effective refrigerant management policies are needed to minimize leaks during servicing and at the end of life. With such industry and government collaboration we can effectively address the concerns surrounding increasing HFC usage around the world. Many technologies are available today to meet the climate challenges, yet many technology challenges remain.

The Montreal Protocol provides the best forum to achieve the global market-based phase down we all seek. It has well-established institutions to deal with the technical complexities of global HFC use. The decades long experience of these institutions gives us confidence in our ability to achieve our goal.

Several of our member companies are represented here today expressing specific actions, including investment in research & development and commercialization of new technologies, while also continuing to improve energy efficiency performance.

The Alliance and our members are willing to take actions and support policies to meet the long-term goal in a manner that is environmentally beneficial as well as economically sensible. We're pleased to promote U.S. leadership to advance this important global effort.

Thank you for the opportunity for our members to address this challenge today.