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**Alliance Companies Promote House HFC Phasedown Legislation Before Congressional Leaders**

*Members Highlight Benefits in Congressional Hearing titled “Promoting American Innovation and Jobs: Legislation to Phase Down Hydrofluorocarbons”*

Washington, DC – JANUARY 14, 2020 – Today, Gary Bedard, President and Chief Operating Officer of Lennox International Worldwide Refrigeration, on behalf of The Alliance for Responsible Atmospheric Policy, [testified before the House Energy and Commerce Committee](#) on the benefits of H.R. 5544: The American Innovation and Manufacturing Leadership Act of 2020. H.R. 5544 proposes a phasedown of existing hydrofluorocarbons compounds and provides a clean policy framework for transition to new fluorocarbon-based compounds used in next-generation refrigerant technology.

“This legislation simplifies a complicated regulatory structure using known policy approaches. H.R. 5544 advances American-made technology, provides economic benefits and significant job growth, while facilitating American leadership globally,” [said Bedard](#) to members of the Committee, “the only debate remaining is the timing of the transition in the United States, the efficiency by which it occurs, and whether our industry maintains its global leadership in a market that is expected to double in the next ten years.”

H.R. 5544 was recently introduced in the House by Representatives Paul Tonko (D-NY-20), Pete Olson (R-TX-22), Scott Peters (D-CA-52), and Elise Stefanik (R-NY-21). It outlines a federal transition to low-GWP refrigerants and other fluorocarbon uses through an efficient and cost-effective domestic phase-down of HFCs.

The policy framework in the bill, like the companion S. 2754 in the Senate, has strong bipartisan support for its widespread benefits to American workers, consumers, and industries. The National Association of Manufacturers, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and the Natural Resources Defense Council are a few of the industry groups and environmental organizations that endorse the legislation.

Bedard concluded, “We should take advantage of this rare broad-based support in the AIM Leadership Act. It is pro-jobs, pro-trade, pro-American technology leadership, and pro-environment. We hope that Congress will give it favorable consideration and quick passage.”

**The Alliance for Responsible Atmospheric Policy:** The [Alliance](#) is the leading industry voice on issues relating to the Montreal Protocol, protection of the Earth's Ozone Layer, and policies that encourage development and commercialization of technologies that improve the quality of life and provide for a more sustainable future.

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