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Alliance Reflects on History of Environmental Progress on 50th Anniversary of Earth Day

Members Continue to Capitalize on 40 Years of Climate-Friendly, Business-Friendly Initiatives with S. 2754

Washington, DC – APRIL 22, 2020 – To honor the spirit of the 50^{th} Earth Day, the Alliance for Responsible Atmospheric Policy is using the celebration as a reminder of their work for three decades to eliminate the use of ozone depleting substances and to reduce overall environmental impacts. The Alliance's current legislative push to achieve an efficient phasedown of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) represents a history of signature activity that signifies the mission of Earth Day.

"The American Innovation and Manufacturing Act, S. 2754, represents the environmental protection and economic prosperity objectives sought by industry, bipartisan lawmakers, and environmental groups," said Alliance Executive Director Kevin Fay. "Since our founding in 1980, our members have worked with both parties to invest and develop sustainable solutions for our environment. In this turbulent time, the AIM Act provides certain economic benefits for American workers, policy clarity for American industry, products that assist consumers and preserve our natural resources."

S. 2754 is currently being considered in a modified written hearing process in the Senate Environmental Public Works Committee. It is supported by several business groups, such as the National Association of Manufacturers, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and the Air Conditioning Heating & Refrigeration Institute (AHRI), as well as numerous environmental groups, such as The Natural Resources Defense Council, Business for Innovative Climate and Energy Policy, League of Conservation Voters, and Sierra Club. The legislation will establish a clear and uniform Federal HFC phasedown framework that is good for jobs, the economy, consumers and the environment. It will fulfill the Alliance's pledge to achieve an 80% reduction by 2050 of global emissions of high-GWP HFCs.

Fay concluded, "Our members believe that a united, strong market economy paves the way for both economic success and conservation. We should take advantage of the few legislative opportunities that leverage both. We need it now more than ever."

The Alliance for Responsible Atmospheric Policy: The <u>Alliance</u> 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.