

August 3, 2007

The Honorable Henry A. Waxman Chairman, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform 2157 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of the Alliance for Responsible Atmospheric Policy, we are writing in support of your Global Climate and Ozone Layer Protection Act of 2007. The Alliance is a coalition of companies and trade associations that was organized in 1980 and is dedicated to responsible participation in the global stratospheric ozone protection and climate change effort. It represents many chemical companies and user industries that rely on fluorocarbon technologies. These technologies are critical to the health and well-being of consumers in the United States and worldwide.

The Global Climate and Ozone Layer Protection Act continues the successful work of the Montreal Protocol in achieving reductions in ozone-depleting compounds. Further, analysis has shown that the ozone-depleting chemical phaseouts, reductions, and controls achieved under this treaty, and through implementation of Title VI of the Clean Air Act, have already made significant contributions in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The transition away from ozone depleting substances under these measures has achieved greenhouse gas emissions reductions more than five times of what would have been achieved under full implementation of the Kyoto Protocol.

This new Act will achieve additional environmental benefits. The proposed refrigerant management program, an important public-private partnership, is projected to reduce annual greenhouse gas emissions by 81 million tons of carbon dioxide equivalent. It will also reduce approximately 6,000 tons of ozone depletion potential. It is projected to generate approximately \$1 billion toward enhanced recovery, reclaim and destruction of refrigerant compounds by 2015.

The provisions of the Act will result in the United States being ozone depletion neutral from 2010 through 2030, the remainder of the Montreal Protocol's effective period in the U.S.

The Act also makes important technical changes to the existing Title VI provisions to allow for economically effective implementation of its provisions and to extend requirements prohibiting intentional venting of refrigerants.

The Alliance is pleased to have worked with you on this initiative. Fluorocarbon technologies provide important societal benefits that contribute to the health, safety and well-being of our citizens, and are critical to our pursuit of a more energy efficient economy. As we move forward in further pursuit of climate protection, it will be important to fully account for the baseline of the use of these compounds and to credit the significant greenhouse gas emissions reductions achieved to date by these industries.

We look forward to working with you in the months and years ahead on these issues.

Sincerely,

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