July 17, 2019

The Honorable Rob Portman
448 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
506 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Portman and Shaheen:

On behalf of the Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI) I am writing to express our support for the Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act.

AHRI is the trade association representing more than 320 manufacturers of residential, commercial, and industrial air conditioning, space heating, water heating, and commercial refrigeration equipment and components for sale in North America and around the world. The heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, refrigeration (HVACR), and water heating industry employs 1.3 million people and generates $257 billion in annual economic activity.

The Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act would implement several energy efficiency measures across the residential, commercial, and industrial sectors. Energy efficiency measures are the quickest, cheapest, and cleanest way to tackle growing energy demand. Energy efficiency offers real solutions to deal with the short- and long-term economic and environmental problems associated with rising energy use while saving money, lessening dependence on imported energy sources, reducing pollution, and improving our nation’s global competitiveness. In addition, these initiatives enable domestic businesses to leverage private capital, provide long-term market certainty, spur economic growth, and create jobs.

For these reasons, AHRI supports the Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act. Should you have any questions, or if we can be helpful as a resource should there be an opportunity for input from the HVACR industry, please feel free to contact me at 703-293-4871 or via email at sslater@ahrinet.org.

Sincerely,

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