



*“The unified voice of the North American heating, ventilation, air-conditioning and refrigeration industry”*

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Dear Member of the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress:

On behalf of the heating, ventilation, air conditioning, refrigeration (HVACR) and water heating industry, we write to congratulate you on your election and to share our industry’s policy priorities.

The HVACR and water heating industry represents millions of engineers, manufacturers, distributors, contractors, and building technology professionals. It provides comfortable and safe indoor environments to enhance productivity and comfort, keeps food fresh and safe, makes modern medicine possible, and ensures that vital information technology systems remain operational. In North America, the annual economic activity resulting from our industry is more than \$211 billion, and in the United States alone, HVACR manufacturers, along with distributors, contractors, designers, and technicians, employ more than 700,000 people.

Our industry is committed to delivering high-performing, world-class equipment and systems that improve our nation’s resiliency, sustainability, and economic strength. Our industry has delivered innovations to improve environmental stewardship, increase energy performance, and create indoor environments that increase the productivity of other economic sectors. We keep people comfortable and safe in their homes, schools, workplaces, retail establishments, and entertainment venues. To help support this backbone of the American economy, we request that policy makers:

- Partner with our industry on proposals that impact HVACR and the built environment.
- Work with our industry’s subject matter experts openly and proactively during the legislative process.
- Advance policies that support healthy buildings through improved indoor air quality, water system safety, and resiliency.
- Support a workforce that can manufacture, design, install, and operate vital HVACR and water heating systems in buildings.
- Expand the talent pipeline by supporting science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and vocational training at all educational levels which also introduces students to careers in the HVACR and water heating industry.

The HVACR and water heating organizations listed below offer their assistance to successfully develop and implement policies that will further our shared goals of economic growth and opportunity while supporting a healthy, efficient, and resilient built environment. We are eager to collaborate with you to make policy development more efficient and effective for the benefit of all Americans. We appreciate your consideration of our priorities and encourage you to use us as a resource.

Sincerely,

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