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## ALLIANCE URGES HFC PHASEDOWN LEGISLATION ON WORLD OZONE DAY

American Businesses Continue Push to Lead Global Competition

Washington, DC (September 16, 2019): The Alliance for Responsible Atmospheric Policy has used the spirit of today's World Ozone Day, on the 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the signing of the Montreal Protocol, to urge members of the United States Congress to consider a core piece of legislation directly inspired by the historical treaty: a proposal to implement a phasedown of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) in the United States.

"The Montreal Protocol is the most successful environment treaty ever negotiated, and has succeeded in large part through the leadership of the United States, both government and private sector, in achieving dramatic technology innovation and environmental success," said John Hurst, Alliance Chairman and Vice President of Lennox International. "Now is the time to continue that U.S. leadership by considering HFC phasedown legislation in the U.S., ratifying the Kigali amendment to the Montreal Protocol, and capturing the economic benefits that are projected from the commercialization of U.S. developed next generation technology."

Immediate legislative action on HFCs will provide policy certainty and will also secure a position of strength for American companies in a highly competitive global market for next generation fluorocarbon technologies. This is projected to create upwards of 33,000 new U.S. manufacturing jobs, stimulate further investment in the U.S. economy, and improve the U.S. balance of trade.

Without imminent domestic policy clarity, foreign competitors are poised to fill the technology void and displace American businesses in a global fluorocarbon market expected to more than double over the next decade. The blueprint for the global market transformation is contained in the Montreal Protocol, a treaty that has had consistent bipartisan support, and unanimous global support, since its original signing during the Reagan Administration. The United Nations promotes the Montreal Protocol as a prudent path forward for the world, and particularly leading nations, to provide new energy efficient technologies and other benefits to the atmosphere. These are a few of the many direct outcomes of the HFC phasedown codified in the pact's Kigali Amendment.

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.