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The Honorable Henry A. Waxman
Chairman
House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Waxman:

On behalf of United Technologies Corporation (UTC) and Carrier Corporation, we commend you for the introduction of the Global Climate and Ozone Protection Act of 2007. This legislation builds on the tremendous progress already made in the phase-out of CFCs and HCFCs, commonly used as refrigerants that contribute both to global warming and ozone depletion. The bill takes the important next step by calling for the accelerated phase-out of these substances.

UTC is a diversified company whose products include Carrier heating, air conditioning and refrigeration; Otis elevators and escalators; Pratt & Whitney aircraft engines; Sikorsky helicopters; Hamilton Sundstrand aerospace systems and industrial products; UTC Fire & Security systems; and UTC Power fuel cells. We bring a credible voice to the policy debate, as we've been a leader in addressing climate change by reducing energy use in our operations and incorporating energy efficient innovations in our products. Carrier is the world's largest manufacturer and distributor of heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) systems. Carrier was the first in its industry to phase out of CFCs in 1994, two years ahead of schedule in the United States and 16 years ahead of developing country mandates. We followed in 1996 with the world's first commercial and residential non-ozone depleting systems.

There is growing recognition that the phase-out of CFCs and HCFCs under the Montreal Protocol will continue to have a greater benefit to climate change than the Kyoto Protocol if fully implemented. We believe the tremendous climate change benefits from the reduction of CFCs and HCFCs must be recognized in any national or international climate change framework. Your legislation prescribes for the responsible use of refrigerants to minimize environmental effects. It strikes the right balance by recognizing the importance of air conditioning and refrigeration to the health and well being of our country while assuring the operation of these systems and refrigerants in an environmentally responsible manner. It also recognizes the important contribution of industry in the development of the refrigerant management program as a continuing example of our commitment to responsible use principles. The legislation also closes a loophole in the Clean Air Act that will allow products containing HCFCs to be imported after domestic production of the same products would be prohibited.

Thank you for your consideration of UTC's views as you focus on this important topic. We're very pleased to work with you on this important issue. If you have any questions, please contact Jeffrey Marks at (202) 336-7414 or jeffrey.marks@utc.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisi Kaufman".

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