



New Organization Forms To Make Case To President Trump That Kigali Amendment Puts America First

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WASHINGTON, D.C - The Let America Lead coalition today announced its formation to work with conservative leaders at the local, state and national level, manufacturers and businesses, and working Americans across the country to demonstrate to President Trump why support for the Kigali Amendment is a win for American workers and urge him to send it to the U.S. Senate for ratification.

“President Trump’s record demonstrates his commitment to making leadership decisions based on their ability to deliver for American workers and American families. Our nation’s manufacturers - large and small - serve as the foundation of our nation’s strength and will see positive benefits from the Kigali Amendment,” said George David Banks, President Trump’s former adviser on international energy and environment policy who is serving as a Senior Advisor to Let America Lead. “Establishing a platform for conservative voices, working Americans and members of the manufacturing community to demonstrate support for this international trade agreement will help President Trump hear from people he values most why it is such a powerful opportunity to level the playing field for America.”

“President Donald Trump loves to see American industry win. It’s one of the main reasons I backed him so proudly during the primary. By sending the Kigali Amendment to the Senate for ratification, our President can create American jobs and protect American workers and consumers,” said Paul Nagy, prominent activist for conservative candidates and causes, East Andover, New Hampshire.

“I have worked in the HVAC&R industry for 15 years and have seen many changes to our industry. I support the Kigali Amendment and I stand with President Trump on holding China accountable and creating good paying jobs right here in the United States of America. Our country is currently in desperate need of skilled labor and the Kigali Amendment will help to grow those skilled labor needs right here in the United States,” said Jason Lacey, Executive Vice President, Local 4501, CWA, Columbus, Ohio

“I’ve been working with Republican causes and candidates for quite awhile and one thing that has always stuck out about President Trump is his insistence on building up American manufacturing. I believe supporting the Kigali Amendment would be a great way for him to help achieve this goal,” said Jon McAvoy, Executive Committee Member of the Dallas County GOP, Adel, Iowa.

The announcement follows a recent series of public statements of support for Kigali Amendment ratification. In May, the Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute and the Alliance for Responsible Atmospheric Policy released a new economic study conducted by Inforum and JBS Consulting. The study demonstrates the job creation and economic growth benefits of ratification, including the creation of 33,000 manufacturing jobs and 117,000 indirect jobs by 2027. It will also increase manufacturing exports by \$5 billion while reducing imports by nearly \$7 billion to improve the balance of trade.

In June, 13 Republican Senators sent a joint letter of support to President Trump urging him to send the Amendment to the Senate for its advice and consent. They wrote: “The Kigali Amendment will protect American workers, grow our economy, and improve our trade balance all while encouraging further innovation to strengthen America’s leadership role.” Also in June, three leading conservative groups, Americans for Tax Reform, FreedomWorks and the American Council for Capital Foundation stated their support for the amendment, writing to the president that, “This agreement has our support because it will ensure that U.S. manufacturers are able to thrive in the global economy and create more wealth and jobs in America.”

Let America Lead is proud to announce that the National Association of Manufacturers, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the American Chemistry Council and the American Council for Capital Formation are founding members of the coalition, and looks forward to announcing additional members.

Let America Lead stands for the rights of American businesses to innovate and sell in global markets the products made possible by their research and development here at home. Doing so will create good-paying American jobs, positively impact our domestic economy and benefit the environment. For more information, visit www.LetAmericaLead.com.

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