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TESTIMONY - SENATE BILL 741

***PUBLIC SAFETY – REFRIGERANTS – LIMITATIONS OF USE
EDUCATION, ENERGY, & THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE***

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Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan and Committee Members:

Senate Bill 741 is a very straightforward bill that disallows the prohibition of refrigerants acceptable for use under federal listing requirements provided that any appliance that contains the refrigerant meets the federal safety standards and use conditions.

This legislation is a direct effort to better and to more quickly and efficiently phase out the use of harmful hydrofluorocarbon chemicals in refrigerants. Allowing multiple options to phase out the use of these chemicals and better coordinating our efforts with the federal government is a necessity to stop the usage of these chemicals and this legislation is simply a means to that end.

For the reasons listed above, I ask for a favorable report of Senate Bill 741.