



## Vermont Vehicle & Automotive Distributors Association

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February 22, 2022

Re: H. 523, HFCs in automobile air conditioning

Chair Amy Sheldon  
VT House Committee on Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife

The automobile industry has been phasing out the use of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) in automobile air conditioning since model year 2015. We are well ahead of EPA's phase-down schedule. At this time, more than 85 percent of new automobiles are using the coolant known as R-1234yf which has a Global Warming Potential (GWP) of less than one whereas the coolant being replaced, R-134a, an HFC, has a GWP of 1,300.

We have been working with the bill sponsor, Rep. Curt McCormack and he has agreed to recommend to your committee striking the new car and new truck sections of the bill – Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. sec. 586 (b)(4)(G) and (H).

We support the other two sections that relate to automobiles, banning over-the-counter air conditioning re-charge HFC containers and the requirement that when older air conditioners with HFCs are repaired, equipment that extracts and reclaims the HFCs are used. All of our members currently use this equipment as it keeps the HFCs from being vented to the atmosphere and allows for recycling of the gas.

With the changes recommended by Rep. McCormack mentioned above, the VT Vehicle & Automotive Distributors Association supports the bill. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marilyn Miller". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Marilyn Miller  
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