

August 13, 2018

Honorable Lisa Murkowski  
Chair  
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Honorable Maria Cantwell  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
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**RE: William Cooper, Nominee for General Counsel, U.S. Department of Energy**

Dear Senators Murkowski and Cantwell:

On behalf of the Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI), I write in support of the nomination of William Cooper to serve as General Counsel at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

AHRI represents over 300 member companies that produce more than 90 percent of the residential and commercial air conditioning, heating, water heating, and commercial refrigeration equipment made in North America. The work of DOE General Counsel is of great importance to AHRI, as we work closely with the Department on our performance certification program and on energy efficiency standards for many of our products. We would welcome Mr. Cooper's leadership at the Department and look forward to working with him closely to continue this important work.

As a senior staffer at two House Committees with substantive jurisdiction over energy policy, Mr. Cooper clearly has a deep understanding of energy policy and the regulatory process under which it is implemented. This knowledge base should serve him well at DOE, and we trust he will bring intelligence and enthusiasm to the General Counsel's role at the Department of Energy.

We are pleased to support the confirmation of William Cooper to serve as DOE General Counsel.

Sincerely,



Joe Trauger  
Senior Vice President, Policy and Government Relations