

Governor Edmund G. Brown
c/o State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Mary D. Nichols, Chairperson
Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95812

Subject: Letter of support for incentive program for end users adopting low-GWP refrigeration systems

Dear Governor Brown and Chair Nichols,

On behalf of AHT Cooling Systems USA, I am writing to express support for establishing an incentive program to allow supermarkets and other end users to adopt low-global warming potential (GWP) refrigerants to replace hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) used in commercial refrigeration systems.

AHT Cooling Systems is a market leader in the production of plug-in commercial cooler and freezer systems, delivering an innovative product range to supermarket and food retail operators, convenience store chains and consumer packaged goods producers worldwide. Our product portfolio is designed to reduce maintenance and energy costs while ensuring the quality and safety of the goods merchandised in our equipment. AHT continues to focus on environmentally friendly and energy-saving initiatives to reduce Global Warming Impact (GWP), as demonstrated by the introduction of 100% CFC-free and HCFC-free refrigeration products using R290 refrigerant.

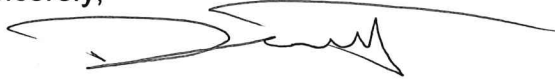
An incentive program has the power to enable transformative change by helping to overcome current market hurdles to adoption of energy efficient, low-GWP refrigeration systems. These alternative systems are commercially available, but face significant market hurdles to widespread adoption due to high up-front costs that are beyond the financial capabilities of many end users.

AHT USA previously piloted some local incentives in collaboration with Southern California Edison for our Plug In Multi Temp cabinets and created key successes with Food Retailers looking to support new technology and adoption of R290 as a refrigerant.

By providing incentives to supermarkets, convenience, specialty food retailers and other end users, California can help create economies of scale for manufacturing, designing, installing, and maintaining these low-GWP systems and equipment.

We strongly support funding for a statewide incentive program that will minimize the barriers related to the upfront costs of low-GWP technologies and allow for their widespread adoption.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Drew Tombs', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Drew Tombs
President
AHT Cooling Systems USA, Inc.

CC: Pamela Gupta, Bart Croes, Ryan McCarthy (Air Resources Board)