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## **PIMA Celebrates 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday of the Clean Air Act Amendment of 1990**

*PIMA Board Member Alma Garnett of Hunter Panels joins public health and business leaders to commemorate the Clean Air Act Amendment of 1990*

**WASHINGTON, Nov. 21, 2011** –The Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association (PIMA) joined prominent environmental businesses and public health leaders last week to celebrate the 21<sup>st</sup> birthday of the Clean Air Act Amendment of 1990 in Washington, D.C.

Alma Garnett, President and Founder of Hunter Panels, LLC, and member of PIMA's Board, joined Congressional, public health leaders and prominent speakers in discussing the impact of the Clean Air Act on business practices and the environment during the last 21 years.

"My company's success, and that of the polyiso insulation industry as a whole, owes a debt of gratitude to the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990," said Garnett. "Without them, we would be unable to produce our products – which are used in over 70 percent of commercial buildings – and our country would be less energy-efficient and more polluted."

Garnett emphasized the bipartisan aspect of the legislation, acknowledging that Republicans and Democrats came together to develop a policy that reduced emissions and harm to the environment while allowing the industry to grow and expand.

In addition to Garnett, speakers at the event included:

- Carol Browner – Distinguished Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress
- Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD)
- Senator Tom Carper (D-DE)
- Congressman John Dingell (D-MI)
- David Foerter – Executive Director, Institute of Clean Air companies
- Albert Rizzo – Chairman of the National Board of Directors, American Lung Association
- Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)

"From protecting public health in a cost-effective way to reducing air pollution, the Clean Air Act has led to many gains for our country over the years," said Jared Blum, President of PIMA. "This celebration looked at the health and economic benefits the United States has seen as a result of this act and also looked to the future to determine ways to improve safeguards for the next generation."

### **About PIMA**

For over 20 years, the Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association (PIMA) has served as the unified voice of the rigid polyiso industry proactively advocating for safe, cost-effective, sustainable and energy efficient construction. PIMA's members, who first came together in 1987, include a synergistic partnership of polyiso manufacturers and industry suppliers. Polyiso is one of the Nation's most widely used and cost-effective insulation products available. To learn more visit [www.polyiso.org](http://www.polyiso.org).

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