

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

December 19, 2017

The Honorable Robert Lighthizer  
United States Trade Representative  
1600 17<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Washington, DC 20508

Dear Ambassador Lighthizer:

We write today regarding the Section 201 case involving large residential washers. We urge the President to implement the remedy proposed by Whirlpool and GE Appliances; a 50% tariff on washer imports coupled with a quota on covered parts (cabinets, tubs, and drums), applicable to all free trade agreement countries including South Korea. United States workers will benefit from this proposed remedy, because it will allow them to compete on a level playing field and generate thousands of new American jobs.

In Ohio, Whirlpool has five manufacturing facilities where more than 10,000 people are employed. These facilities are spread across the state in Marion, Findlay, Ottawa, Greenville, and Clyde and they are vital to Ohio's economy.

The remedy proposed by Whirlpool and GE would have a significant positive job impact. It would allow Whirlpool and GE to increase production and reinvest in their washer businesses, resulting in thousands of new direct jobs at their Ohio and Kentucky facilities. The proposed remedy would also generate an additional 10,000 indirect jobs throughout the entire country at upstream suppliers and downstream vendors.

While a strong remedy will create American jobs, there remains a risk that a weak remedy would cause significant job losses. The ITC has found that Whirlpool and GE's washer businesses have been severely injured by Samsung and LG's unfair trade practices. If left without an appropriate remedy, this injury threatens thousands of American workers in Ohio and Kentucky, and as well as providing a disincentive to planned foreign investment in washer production.

We know the President shares our commitment to American workers. We encourage the President to implement the remedy proposed by Whirlpool and GE.

Sincerely,



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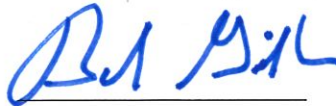
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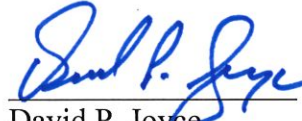
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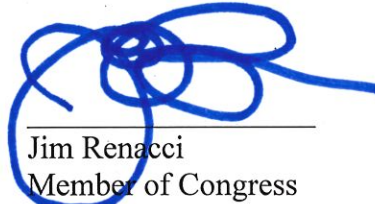
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