



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Mr. Bitzer,

We are writing today regarding Whirlpool's announcement that 341 workers at your Amana, Iowa facility will be laid off effective March 9, 2026, following 250 workers laid off at the same location last year. This decision is unacceptable in its impact and deeply troubling in its implications.

These layoffs would hollow out a community and undermine the very domestic manufacturing base that American workers have spent decades building. There are credible public reports that Whirlpool has expanded manufacturing capacity in Mexico, including expansions tied to refrigerator production that currently takes place in Iowa, while announcing significant job cuts in Iowa.

Reports from union representatives indicate affected workers may face loss of health insurance immediately upon unemployment and may receive no severance. Thus, this decision not only impacts these hard workers but also their families and communities. Given the plant's vital role in our region, we urge Whirlpool to fully explore alternatives that would protect these jobs and preserve this historic manufacturing presence. Should Whirlpool not choose to reverse their decision to lay off these 341 hardworking Iowans, we strongly urge you to reconsider how you will fully support these workers during their transition.

For years, Iowans have endured inflationary pressures and a regulatory environment that has strained American industry. That is exactly why we have fought for policies designed to strengthen domestic production with the Made in America focus and pro-manufacturing tax policies that expand incentives for domestic investment, including full expensing for factory construction and improvements, research and development, and capital investments like machinery and equipment. The goal is straightforward: build in America, hire in America, and keep American communities strong.

We respectfully request Whirlpool respond in writing to the following questions by March 5, 2026.

1. Is Whirlpool currently expanding manufacturing capacity, production lines, or workforce levels in Mexico at the same time it is reducing jobs in Iowa and other U.S. facilities? Whirlpool's public footprint in Mexico is substantial; Iowans deserve transparency about whether Amana job losses coincide with Mexico growth.
2. What specific product lines, models, or sub-assembly work are being reduced or discontinued in Amana, and where will that work be performed going forward?
3. Will Whirlpool commit that no work previously performed by the Amana workforce you plan to layoff will be shifted outside the United States as a result of this decision?
4. What will Whirlpool provide to displaced Iowa workers — in writing — including severance, continuation of health coverage, retraining support, and job placement assistance?
5. Were alternatives evaluated to avoid layoffs, including retooling, product mix changes, or leveraging domestic investment incentives?
6. What is Whirlpool's long-term commitment to the Amana facility in terms of employment levels, production lines, and future capital investment?

Iowans value employers who invest in their workers and honor their longstanding relationship with the communities that helped build their success. I hope Whirlpool will demonstrate that same commitment now. Our offices stand ready to work with you to identify opportunities that could help sustain domestic production and protect American jobs.

Sincerely,



Mariannette Miller-Meeks
Member of Congress



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