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The Honorable Mariannette Miller Meeks
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Ashley Hinson
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Dear Representatives Hinson and Miller-Meeks,

Thank you for your recent letter regarding Whirlpool Corporation's operations in Amana. I appreciate the opportunity to address your concerns and reiterate our company's steadfast commitment to Amana. Amana is a vital part of our company's U.S. manufacturing footprint, and we are proud of our longstanding history in the community. We are also proud to have the strongest U.S. manufacturing footprint in the industry, and our commitment to American manufacturing runs deep and has for nearly 115 years.

Whirlpool Corporation is the only major manufacturer of kitchen and laundry appliances based and owned in the United States and our dedication is unmatched. We operate ten major U.S. manufacturing facilities, and in the past 10 years, we've spent \$23 billion on manufacturing, labor, and logistics to support approximately 20,000 American jobs, including 14,000 direct manufacturing jobs.

Of the major appliances we sell in the U.S., 80 percent are produced in our U.S. plants. That's three times more than the average of our major competitors.

Over the last five years, our company has been navigating a challenging environment driven largely by a slow housing market and intense pressure from foreign competitors. The Trump Administration's trade policies are helping to level the playing field for U.S. companies and American workers. However, the full effect of those policies is still coming into place.

As the last major American appliance manufacturer, Whirlpool is under constant pressure to ensure our industry-leading American domestic manufacturing footprint is competitive with our foreign peers. The Amana facility has felt this pressure even more acutely, as our competitors produce nearly all of this product type abroad.

In recent years, we've invested more than \$150 million in the Amana plant. Despite those investments, our existing operations at Amana were not sustainable in today's marketplace without further changes. These challenges, not our global supply chain or our manufacturing

footprint in Mexico, are the driving force behind our multi-year modernization plan that will continue to transform and invest in the plant's operations.

The modernization plan in Amana has been designed and will be implemented as part of our overall plan to make the plant a more competitive and long-term pillar of our U.S. footprint. We are committed to strengthening our leadership in domestic manufacturing, which we view as a key competitive advantage in meeting the needs of U.S. consumers. We continue to make investments in our U.S. manufacturing operations and are exploring ways to bring new production into Amana.

The changes we're making to our Amana operations are difficult, but they are necessary to position Amana for continued operation, long-term success and to create opportunities for future production expansion.

We are deeply mindful of the impact these decisions have on our valued employees and their families. Our commitment is to support every affected individual through this transition, and we are working directly with the Iowa Workforce Development Agency to provide comprehensive assistance, training, and resources.

I share your goal of positioning our Amana operations for longstanding success as part of a strong and resilient U.S. manufacturing base. I welcome the opportunity to continue this discussion and to work together in support of U.S. manufacturers and workers, both in Iowa and across the country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marc Bitzer', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Marc Bitzer

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
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