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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. President,

The appliance manufacturing industry is being negatively impacted by the EPA's management of the ENERGY STAR® program. Under President Obama's administration, management of this program for home appliances was transferred to the EPA. For the following reasons, innovation and consumer choice would be best served by transferring management of this program for home appliances back to the Department of Energy.

Appliance manufacturers support an improved and modernized ENERGY STAR® program. The administration of the ENERGY STAR program for home appliances should return to the Department of Energy (DOE) where the program originated. Returning home appliances to DOE would reduce financial burdens on both EPA and DOE by streamlining government oversight through the existing DOE Appliance Standards Program. This move would also reduce appliance manufacturers' cumulative regulatory burden from dual agency activities, such as responding to multiple agency analyses, reporting and disclosure requests. Ending dual-agency management of this program would help reduce unnecessary bureaucracy, enhance manufacturers productivity and, ultimately, refocus the program. DOE oversight would also ensure a continued focus on core efficiency attributes and avoid performance requirements that should be left to market forces to determine.


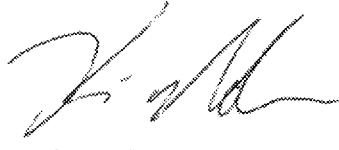
Home appliances enhance consumer convenience, safety and flexibility. During the past 25 years alone, domestic chores have been reduced more than 14 hours per week, which enables greater household time for more productive activities. Further, through its technology, employees and economic productivity, the industry contributes significantly to U.S. jobs and economic security. In the U.S., the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM) member companies employ tens of thousands of people with an annual shipment value of more than \$40 billion. Home appliances also are a success story in terms of energy efficiency and environmental protection. New appliances often represent the most effective choice a consumer can make to reduce home energy consumption and costs.

The undersigned senior executives from the home appliance industry urge your Administration to address this issue to help create a more efficient home appliance sector. Thank you for your consideration of these views and we look forward to discussing these issues in more detail.

Sincerely,



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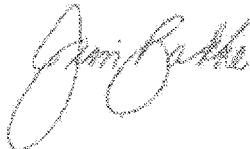


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