

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

November 3, 2017

The Honorable Rhonda K. Schmidlein
Chairman
U.S. International Trade Commission
500 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20436

Re: Investigation No. TA-201-76 (Large Residential Washers)

Dear Chairman Schmidlein:

We commend the commission's unanimous October 5 vote, which determined a surge in imports of large residential washing machines from foreign producers Samsung and LG has caused serious injury to American manufacturers, and we urge strong trade remedies moving forward. We remain deeply concerned about continued unlawful actions by foreign washing machine producers, in particular the movement of production to different countries to evade U.S. trade laws.

As you complete your recommendations to the President on the Section 201 case regarding large residential washers, we urge the Commission to fully enforce U.S. trade laws to ensure our domestic washing machine manufacturers and workers are able to compete on a level playing field. Without strong enforcement, a century-old manufacturing base and thousands of American jobs are at risk.

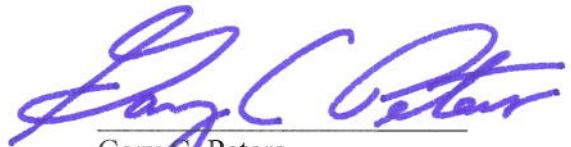
This issue is critical to Michigan's economy and its workers who depend on good-paying manufacturing jobs. Whirlpool Corporation, a petitioner in this safeguard case, is headquartered in Michigan and employs over 4,000 workers there who continue to be affected by unfair trade practices. Without strong and effective trade remedies, U.S. workers and manufacturers will be unable to compete fairly.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Debbie Stabenow
United States Senator



Gary C. Peters
United States Senator