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CC: Karen C. Orvick, Human Resources Manager
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To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing to express our deep concern regarding the announced layoff of nearly 350 employees at the Amana, Iowa, Whirlpool plant, and encourage you to reconsider your decision.

For nearly 100 years, the Amana plant has been a cornerstone of this eastern Iowa community's identity and economy. Far before its purchase by Whirlpool Corporation, the Amana plant employed generations of Iowa families and propped up the community with its reputation for steady, reliable jobs – just as reliable as the household appliances its workers are proud to build by hand each day.

It is because of these generations of hardworking Iowans that Whirlpool grew into an industry-leading manufacturer. Without their dedication, Whirlpool wouldn't have become the iconic household name it is today.

It's a point of pride for hundreds of working families in the Amana community. That's why losing such a significant portion of its workforce will reverberate far beyond its factory walls.

These recently-announced reductions follow the layoff of 250 Amana Whirlpool employees in late 2025, bringing the total number of displaced workers to 600 – nearly one-third of Amana's total population.

Meanwhile, Whirlpool's corporate profits have skyrocketed, yet its workers fail to see any benefit. Simply put, they deserve better.

Since 2006, Whirlpool has received \$21.5 million in investment from the State of Iowa in the form of grants, tax credits, and infrastructure assistance. At the same time, Whirlpool has invested more than \$1 billion to grow its presence in Mexico, tripling its workforce there while slashing jobs for Americans.

It's an insult to Whirlpool workers, the Amana community, and every Iowan whose tax dollars have bolstered Whirlpool's profits over the last two decades.

While it's difficult to quantify just how deeply these cuts will further gut the community, one thing is clear: the impact will be significant. These workers have spent their lives dedicated to crafting high-quality Whirlpool appliances and elevating the Whirlpool brand. They've had Whirlpool's back for decades – and their families deserve the same in return.

For these reasons, we respectfully ask you to reconsider the planned layoffs at the Amana Whirlpool facility.

Sincerely,

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