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The Honorable Sander M. Levin
Chairman
Committee on Ways and Means
U.S House of Representatives
1102 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Levin,

The Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM) represents manufacturers of major, portable and floor care home appliances, and suppliers to the industry. AHAM's membership includes over 150 companies throughout the world. In the U.S., AHAM members employ tens of thousands of people and produce more than 95% of the household appliances shipped for sale. The factory shipment value of these products is more than \$30 billion annually. The home appliance industry, through its products and innovation, is essential to U.S. consumer lifestyle, health, safety and convenience. Through its technology, employees and productivity, the industry contributes significantly to U.S. jobs and economic security. 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 use and costs.

We are supportive of tax incentives for manufacturers of energy efficient appliances and are pleased that you have included a provision in The American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act of 2010 (HR 4213) that would expand the options available to manufacturers to realize the energy efficient appliance tax credit. As you continue to consider this tax legislation, it is important to remember that the number of jobs in the United States affected by the appliance tax credit is on the scale of 40,000, which accounts for at least 17,000 direct manufacturing jobs and 23,000 jobs that support the manufacturing of the affected products.

Please feel free to contact me at (202) 872-5955 with any questions.

Sincerely,

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