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Mr. Jeff Fettig
Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer
Whirlpool Corporation
2000 North M-63
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Dear Mr. Fettig:

Re: Whirlpool's Expansion Opportunities and Harbor Shores Funding

The State of Michigan is excited about Whirlpool Corporation's recent acquisition of Maytag, and we look forward to working with you to support the retention and creation of jobs in Michigan as you realize efficiencies from this merger.

Based upon our discussions with you and your representatives, we understand your decision to create and retain jobs in Michigan was due in large part to the future benefits the Harbor Shores project affords the region. We support the Harbor Shores project as a wonderful example of sustainable economic development with the opportunity for community transformation, specifically in Benton Harbor. Thank you for your company's leadership and strong financial support in making this project a reality. The more than 2,000 jobs and over \$450 million in investment to be realized as part of this project will enhance the quality of life for many residents in the region.

As representatives of the state of Michigan, this letter offers our support to Whirlpool Corporation for both the Maytag acquisition and Harbor Shores development. We also understand the importance that the success of Harbor Shores is to the future talent recruitment efforts of Whirlpool Corporation and in improving the quality of life for all the residents of the affected communities. You are to be applauded for realizing the mutual dependencies of community, business, and academia. One cannot succeed without the success of the other.

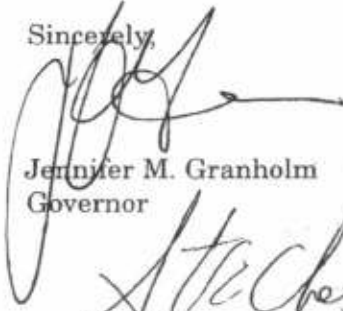
Therefore, we commit the State of Michigan to the following in support of Harbor Shores:

- We will recognize the job creation from the Maytag acquisition as needed to secure infrastructure funding for Harbor Shores;

- We will provide technical assistance to the Harbor Shores team in the area of permit approvals;
- We commit state funding as available and when eligible to the environmental clean-up, infrastructure upgrades, and development of residential and commercial properties. Our commitment to these projects will be detailed within the processes of each agency and as needed for the staging of the project; and
- We will solicit and support involvement of federal agencies, for both financial and technical resources, toward the successful completion of this project.

We applaud the efforts of the Whirlpool/Harbor Shores team in creating sustainable economic and community development, and look forward to the continued success of this project.

Sincerely,



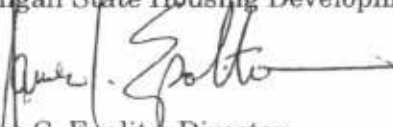
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