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Washington, DC 20585

**RE: Docket Number EERE-2008-BT-STD-0019 / RIN 1904-AB90: Energy
Conservation Standards for Residential Clothes Washers**

Dear Ms. Edwards:

We are writing in support of the Direct Final Rule for energy conservation standards for residential clothes washers. 77 Fed. Reg. 32308 (May 31, 2012). The direct final rule is based on a joint petition submitted to DOE by AHAM and efficiency advocates. The standards in the direct final rule will achieve large cost-effective energy and water savings. DOE estimates that the standards will save 2.04 quads of energy and 3.03 trillion gallons of water over 30 years and will yield net present value savings for consumers of \$13-\$31 billion.¹ We appreciate the Department's consideration of the recommendations in the joint petition and urge their final adoption.

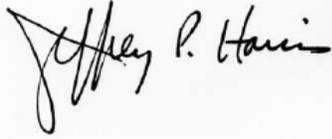
Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,



Andrew deLaski
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¹ 77 Fed. Reg. 32310.



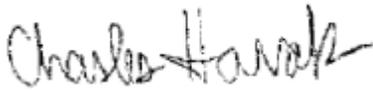
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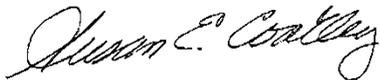
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