

Rob Portman and Whirlpool

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[June 2012](#)—Portman sends letter to Department of Commerce urging DOC to investigate Whirlpool’s claims of unfairly traded washing machines from Korea and Mexico.

June 2012—Portman sends letter In June 2012 to the International Trade Commission (ITC) in support for Whirlpool’s trade remedy petition against unfairly traded washing machines from South Korea and Mexico

[December 2012](#)—Portman submitted testimony before the ITC in support for Whirlpool’s trade remedy case.

[April 2016](#)—Portman sends letter to Department of Commerce asking them to update dumping margins during their third administrative review of the anti-dumping orders on Korean washing machines.

[October 2016](#)—Portman sends letter to Department of Commerce urging Secretary Penny Pritzker to use all available authority to address efforts by foreign washing machine producers to shift production from China to Thailand and Vietnam after it looked like those companies might lose a trade case against unfairly traded Chinese washing machines.

November 2016—President Trump Elected

[December 2016](#)—Portman testifies at ITC in favor of Whirlpool and its workers, urging the ITC to impose trade remedies against unfairly traded washing machines being imported from China.

[February 2017](#)—Portman holds a townhall with workers at the Whirlpool plant in Clyde.

May 2017—Whirlpool files a Section 201 “safeguard” petition with the ITC.

[September 2017](#)—Portman testifies at the ITC in support of Whirlpool in support of Whirlpool’s safeguard petition.

October 2017—Portman sends letter to ITC urging them to impose strong trade remedies in Whirlpool’s Section 201 “safeguard” petition. The ITC makes remedy recommendations to the USTR, who selects a remedy.

[January 2018](#)—Portman sends letter to USTR Lighthizer urging him to adopt the ITC’s recommended remedies, while making some suggestions for how to strengthen the final remedy in favor of Whirlpool.

January 2018—Portman speaks with USTR Lighthizer urging him to adopt a strong remedy in favor of Whirlpool.

[January 2018](#)—Portman praises President Trump for his decision to impose safeguard tariffs on imported washing machines.

[June 2019](#)—Portman testifies at the ITC as part of its review of the Section 201 safeguard.

February 2019—Portman sends a letter to the ITC urging the ITC to maintain the existing AD/CVD orders on unfairly traded washing machines as part of the “sunset review.”