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Dear Greg,

I'm sure you're aware of the recent investigation carried out by Which? and the report by BBC Watchdog into the ongoing issue of the fire risk posed by tumble dryers.

The reports show that the modifications carried out by Whirlpool to its own brand of tumble dryers may be ineffective and that these machines are still at risk of catching fire.

It also appears that Whirlpool is giving incorrect and unsafe advice to consumers who own one of these machines.

I have previously raised concerns that the initial response from Whirlpool was inadequate, and these reports only seem to confirm this.

Replacement and modification of fire-risk tumble dryers is clearly not enough to ensure the safety of consumers. These products should have been recalled when these issues first came to light, and the Government should have taken firmer action.

What action will the Government now take to reassure consumers and ensure that these machines are made safe?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



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