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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**SCHEDULE 14A**

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**THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION**  
(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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This filing contains a voting reminder letter to be mailed on or after April 21, 2009 to stockholders of The Middleby Corporation ("Middleby") that hold 50 or more shares of Middleby common stock and have not yet submitted their proxy in regard to Middleby's 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

**THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION**  
1400 Toastmaster Drive  
Elgin, Illinois 60120

April 21, 2009

Dear Stockholder:

According to our latest records, we have not yet received your proxy for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of The Middleby Corporation, to be held on May 7, 2009. **Your Board of Directors recommends that stockholders vote FOR each of the items on the agenda.**

Please help your company avoid the expense of further solicitation by voting **TODAY** by telephone, via the Internet, or by signing, dating and returning the enclosed proxy card in the envelope provided.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,



Martin M. Lindsay  
*Treasurer*

***VOTE TODAY TO ENSURE THAT  
YOUR SHARES ARE REPRESENTED.***

**You can vote your shares by telephone or via the Internet.  
Please follow the easy instructions on the enclosed card.**

If you have any questions, or need assistance in voting  
your shares, please call our proxy solicitor,

**INNISFREE M&A INCORPORATED  
TOLL-FREE, at 1-888-750-5834.**