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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
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The Honorable John Thune
Chairman
Committee on Commerce, Science
and Transportation
United States Senate
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The Honorable Bill Nelson
Ranking Member
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Dear Senators:

The undersigned organizations congratulate the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation for again approving the nominations of Acting Chairman Ann Marie Buerkle to serve as chairman and separately to serve a new term as commissioner on the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), as well as for approving the nomination of Dana Baiocco to serve as a CPSC commissioner. We ask that you now move promptly to confirm them in those roles. We believe these two nominees are critically important to restoring the CPSC's ability to act in a balanced and effective way to support consumer safety.

We represent manufacturers of consumer products, their suppliers, retailers, and other parties regulated by the CPSC. Our members are committed to producing and selling safe products, and we support effective regulation and oversight by the CPSC as an important complement to our shared commitment to safety and excellence. Until these nominations are confirmed by the Senate, the Commission will remain in a state of transition, which we believe compromises its ability to effectively regulate and to advance product safety and consumer protection initiatives.

It is vital that the Senate immediately devote the attention necessary to confirm the pending CPSC nominations to ensure the agency is fully functional and protecting consumers. On behalf of our members, and for the benefit of consumers, we respectfully ask you to confirm the nominations of Acting Chairman Buerkle and Dana Baiocco as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

American Apparel & Footwear Association
American Association of Exporters and
Importers
American Chemistry Council
American Cleaning Institute
American Fiber Manufacturers Association
American Fireworks Standards Laboratory
American Home Furnishings Alliance
American Pyrotechnics Association

American Sportfishing Association
American Supply Association
Architectural Woodwork Institute
The Art and Creative Materials Institute
Associated Industries of Florida
Association of Home Appliance
Manufacturers
Baby Carrier Industry Alliance
Bicycle Product Suppliers Association

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Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association	North Carolina Chamber
Consumer Healthcare Products Association	Off-Road Business Association
Consumer Specialty Products Association	Outdoor Power Equipment Institute
Consumer Technology Association	Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association
Cookware Manufacturers Association	Plastic Shipping Container Institute
Fashion Accessories Shippers Association	Plastics Industry Association
Fashion Jewelry & Accessories Trade Association	Polyurethane Foam Association
Gemini Shippers Association	Portable Fuel Container Manufacturers Association
Halloween Industry Association	Portable Generator Manufacturers' Association
Home Furnishings Association	Power Tool Institute
INDA, Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry	Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association
Information Technology Industry Council	Resilient Floor Covering Institute
Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries	Retail Industry Leaders Association
International Housewares Association	Security Industry Association
International Light Transportation Vehicle Association	Society of Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates
IPC – Association Connecting Electronics Industries	Specialty Equipment Market Association
Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association	Specialty Graphic Imaging Association
Kitchen Cabinet Manufacturers Association	Specialty Vehicle Institute of America
Lighter Association	Sports & Fitness Industry Association
Mississippi Manufacturers Association	State Chamber of Oklahoma
National Association of Home Builders	Synthetic Turf Council
National Association of Manufacturers	The Toy Association
National Association of Printing Ink Manufacturers	Travel Goods Association
National Candle Association	U.S. Chamber of Commerce
National Confectioners Association	Upholstered Furniture Action Council
National Council of Textile Organizations	The Vinyl Institute
National Fireworks Association	Window Covering Manufacturers Association
National Retail Federation	Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce
	Writing Instrument Manufacturers Association