February 2, 2018

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