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Todd A. Stevenson
Office of the Secretary
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
Office of the Secretary | Room 820
4330 East-West Highway
Bethesda, MD 20814

Dear Secretary Stevenson,

The Retail Industry Leaders Association (RILA) respectfully submits this letter to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC or Commission), responding to a question for the record (QFR) following up on RILA's written comments on the CPSC's Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019 Agenda and Priorities.

Question for the Record from Commissioner Elliott F. Kaye

In your written testimony you mention there are product warning and labels that need to be enhanced. Which one specifically and how?

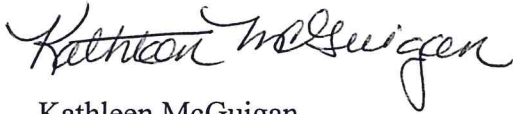
RILA's Response

Thank you for the opportunity to clarify RILA's written comments. The reference to "enhancing product labeling and warnings" was intended to illustrate one of the many options or tools that the CPSC can use as part of a balanced and reasonable approach to addressing important product safety issues. Other options could include the CPSC working with consumer advocates and industry to strengthen voluntary standards, implementing consumer education campaigns, and undertaking its own independent research into new safety technologies. While another option is for the Commission to issue new regulations, it does not necessarily follow that the CPSC *should* exercise this authority in every instance. Instead, we urge the CPSC to exercise regulatory restraint and only consider rulemaking as a last resort to address safety issues where other options have proven to be ineffective or where the appropriate product safety risk mitigation cannot be accomplished by any other means.

In sum, the CPSC has a robust tool kit of options, including strengthening product labeling and warnings, to address product safety risks. By taking a balanced and reasonable approach, the CPSC will use the appropriate tool that will be most effective to address that unique safety risk.

RILA appreciates the opportunity to clarify its prior comments and hopes that the Commission and agency staff carefully consider this QFR response along with RILA's prior comments and testimony while developing both the Fiscal Year 2018 Operating Plan and 2019 Budget Request. RILA and its members share the Commission's commitment to ensuring that all goods sold to U.S. consumers meet the highest safety standards. We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with the agency to advance our shared safety goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen McGuigan".

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