

Elliot F. Kaye, Chairman



Elliot F. Kaye was sworn in as the 10th Chairman of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) on July 30, 2014. President Barack Obama nominated Mr. Kaye on March 31, 2014, and he was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on July 28, 2014, to a term that expires in October 2020. Chairman Kaye has identified three major areas of focus that will advance his collaborative leadership approach:

CPSC will further harness the experience and expertise of agency staff and safety experts in the private sector to achieve more safety advancements for the American public;

CPSC will continue to prioritize and work to accelerate culture change around brain safety in youth sports; and,

CPSC will be committed to strengthening its line of defense at U.S. ports to keep dangerous imports out of the hands of unsuspecting consumers.

Mr. Kaye served as CPSC's Executive Director from 2013 until his confirmation as Chairman. Previously at CPSC, Mr. Kaye served as Chief of Staff and Chief Counsel to former Chairman Inez Moore Tenenbaum in 2013, Deputy Chief of Staff and Senior Counsel to the Chairman from 2012 to 2013, and as Senior Counsel to the Chairman from 2010 to 2012. He has been the driving force behind many of the agency's most successful initiatives in recent years, including efforts aimed at addressing the chemical burn hazard to young children from the ingestion of coin cell batteries. Mr. Kaye is widely recognized for having played a key role in coalescing the leading organizations and companies in American football around a common goal of creating a culture change to reduce the risk of brain injuries in youth football.

From 2007 to 2010, he was an attorney at Hogan Lovells. Prior to this, he was an attorney at Cooley Godward Kronish LLP and a Judicial Clerk for the Honorable Sterling Johnson, Jr. of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York. Mr. Kaye has served as Chief of Staff and Legislative Director for U.S. Representative John Tierney, Chief of Staff and Communications Director for U.S. Representative Pat Danner, and held a number of positions with U.S. Representative Earl Hutto.

He received a B.S.J. from the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University and a J.D. from New York University School of Law.