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August 19, 2015

The Honorable Joseph Mohorovic
Commissioner
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
4330 East West Highway, Suite 722
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Dear Commissioner Mohorovic,

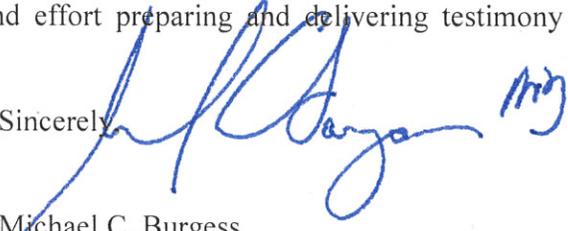
Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade on Tuesday, May 19, 2015, to testify at the hearing entitled "Oversight of the Consumer Product Safety Commission."

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose question you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the question you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that question in plain text.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions with a transmittal letter by the close of business on Monday, September 2, 2015. Your responses should be mailed to Kirby Howard, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to Kirby.Howard@mail.house.gov.

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,


Michael C. Burgess
Chairman
Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade

cc: Jan Schakowsky, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade

Attachment

Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Michael C. Burgess

1. The Commission recently voted to seriously undertake “Retrospective Review” of its rules and regulations to examine whether they remain justified and whether they should be modified or streamlined in light of changed circumstances, including the rise of new technologies. I know you are a strong proponent of this activity and can you explain why you believe this should be a priority for the agency?

The Honorable Pete Olson

1. Commissioner Mohorovic, during the Decisional Meeting to publish the NPR on section 108 of the CPSIA in the Federal Register you raised concerns about the potential deviation from the CPSC’s regulatory standards in favor of the European precautionary approach for regulatory action. Do you believe the CPSC’s rulemaking on phthalates reflects the application of a precautionary approach? Can you share your concerns with the committee?
2. Wouldn’t a more “precautionary approach” mean that we would and should continue to use a chemical for which there is no evidence of harm in its 50 years of use in products and which in itself has been shown to be safe in products, unless and until the alternatives can be proven to be safer?