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**CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION**  
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February 10, 2021

The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr.  
Chairman  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Jan Schakowsky  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Consumer Protection  
and Commerce  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Gus Bilirakis  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Consumer Protection  
and Commerce  
Committee on Energy Commerce  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Pallone, Chair Schakowsky, and Ranking Members McMorris Rodgers and Bilirakis:

As Acting Chairman of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), and having been affiliated with the agency in some way since it began operations in 1973, I write to express my strong support for the additional \$50 million in funds for CPSC as proposed in the Committee's COVID-19 Relief Budget Reconciliation legislation. For too long, this tiny agency has faced the herculean task of regulating over 15,000 types of consumer products with a budget that is by far the smallest of all the federal health and safety agencies. If our task was immense before the pandemic, it is even more so now as we struggle to police a marketplace that has exploded with direct-to-consumer sales and increased product safety risks for consumers isolated at home.

The funds you are considering for the agency are sorely needed and can be deployed to help protect American consumers during the pandemic as our country recovers and rebuilds. CPSC is prepared to use the funds outlined in the bill, including an expanded presence of port inspectors at U.S. ports of entry. This would extend to the handling of e-commerce de minimis shipments and expanded internet surveillance to respond to the explosive growth of e-commerce activity during the pandemic.

Representatives Pallone, Schakowsky, McMorris Rodgers and Bilirakis


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Beating this virus requires keeping Americans safe at home. CPSC is doing everything within its power to ensure the American consumer is protected. Needless to say, the situation has changed dramatically in the last year, and CPSC needs more resources to respond to a marketplace that has faced upheaval from a global pandemic. CPSC looks forward to deploying these funds to keep American families, particularly children and seniors, safe.

Thank you for your work on this matter, and I look forward to working together on future consumer protection issues.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert S. Adler". The signature is written in a cursive style and is contained within a light gray rectangular box.

Robert Adler  
Acting Chairman