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U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Energy and Commerce
Subcommittee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Members of the Subcommittee,

On behalf of Public Citizen's more than 500,000 members and supporters, we urge you to support the Stop Tip-Overs of Unstable, Risky Dressers on Youth (STURDY) Act (H.R.2211) to combat the continuing deaths and injuries cause by furniture tip-overs.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has stated that one child dies every 10 days from a furniture or TV tip-over.¹ These deaths are preventable and the STURDY Act is an important part of stopping them. The STURDY Act would require the CPSC to create a mandatory rule within one year for free-standing clothing storage units to protect children from tip-over incidents. The rule would:

- Cover all clothing units, even those under 30 inches;
- Require testing to simulate the weights of children up to 72 months old;
- Require testing measures to account for scenarios involving carpeting, loaded drawers, and the dynamic force of a climbing child; and
- Mandate strong warning requirements.

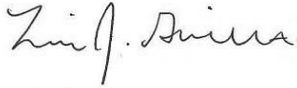
Consumer and medical groups including Kids In Danger (KID), Consumer Federation of America, Consumer Reports, American Academy of Pediatrics, and U.S. PIRG also support this legislation.

Given the recent recalls of dressers, such as the Malm dresser from IKEA—and the subsequent dismal rates of return for that product—it is up to Congress to act quickly to empower the CPSC

¹ *Why Anchor It*, U.S. CONSUMER PROD. SAFETY COMM'N, <https://www.anchorit.gov/why-anchor-it/> (last visited July 8, 2019).

to help ensure that kids are kept safe.² Public Citizen urges you to support the STURDY Act.

Sincerely,



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² See, e.g., REMINGTON A. GREGG, PUB. CITIZEN, DELAY AND SECRECY: HOW SECTION 6(B) OF THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY ACT KEEPS CONSUMERS IN THE DARK (2019), available at https://www.citizen.org/wp-content/uploads/6b-Report-2019-06-24_FINAL.pdf.