

June 24, 2009

Inez Tenenbaum  
Chairman  
Consumer Product Safety Commission  
4330 East-West Hwy.  
Bethesda, MD 20814

Re: Congratulations on Your Confirmation

Dear Ms. Tenenbaum:

We write to congratulate you upon your confirmation as Chairman of the CPSC. We have watched the confirmation process with interest because we know the many challenges you will face in your new position. Because we expect to work with you a great deal in the future, we would also like to take a moment to introduce ourselves.

The National School Supply and Equipment Association (NSSEA) is an organization of 1,500 businesses who sell educational supplies, equipment and instructional materials to schools, parents, and teachers. It should be obvious from the nature of the business our members have chosen that we care deeply about the safety of children. Most of our manufacturing members are relatively small businesses. Due to the new banning and testing provisions in the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA), the timeframes for implementation, the lack of "risk based" decision-making, the lack of timely guidance from the CPSC, and the immediate impact on inventories, our member have already been greatly affected by the CPSIA.

We take at face value your commitment to providing common sense guidance to help our members comply with the law. We believe that in your new position you will develop a more detailed understanding of the complexity of the problems as well as the opportunities created by the new law. We are committed to working with you to insure a regulatory scheme that protects our children but does so in a way that we can all agree is both effective and reasonable.

We look forward to working with you and hope to meet with you as soon as you are settled in to begin this process.

Best regards,



Tim Holt  
National School Supply and Equipment Association President/CEO

Cc: NSSEA Board of Directors