January 25, 2022

The Honorable Maria Cantwell  
The Honorable Roger Wicker  
United States Senate  
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Washington, DC 20510  
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Dear Chair Cantwell and Ranking Member Wicker:

As organizations dedicated to ensuring that the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC or Commission) effectively fulfills its mission to protect the public from hazardous consumer products, we are writing to express the urgent need for the U.S. Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee to quickly approve the nomination of Mary Boyle to the CPSC so that the agency has a full complement of commissioners necessary to conduct its important work.

Currently, the CPSC has four of five Commissioner slots filled. Filling the fifth seat is imperative to addressing pressing product safety issues, especially those that primarily impact vulnerable infants and children, such as hazards posed by crib bumper pads and the use of toxic chemicals in consumer products, for which CPSC action has stalled. Further, the Commission needs a full complement of commissioners to effectively and efficiently tackle a host of pressing issues including addressing recalls, the effectiveness of those recalls, corrective actions, and market surveillance.

Mary Boyle has served at the CPSC for more than a decade and has held the two most senior non-Senate confirmed positions at the agency—previously as general counsel and currently as the agency’s executive director. She is deeply knowledgeable about consumer product safety and the functioning of the CPSC. Ms. Boyle has assisted in ensuring the agency runs smoothly, is familiar with the critical product safety issues under the CPSC’s jurisdiction, and knows how to use the tools at the agency’s disposal to address product safety hazards. In Ms. Boyle’s testimony to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee on July 28, 2021, she stated, “Consumers expect products to be safe. They deserve products to be safe. It is our responsibility to make sure that happens, using all of the tools at our disposal to do so: through recalls, rulemaking, litigation, regulatory enforcement, work with voluntary standards organizations, and timely communication of information to the public.”

The American public puts its trust in the CPSC to ensure that products are safe. In order for the CPSC to effectively fulfill this mission, a full complement of commissioners is essential. We urge you to immediately schedule Ms. Boyle’s nomination for a vote and pass her nomination out of Committee. We urge the full Senate to then immediately confirm her as a Commissioner at the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Sincerely,

**National Organizations**

AFL-CIO
American Association for Justice
Asbestos Disease Awareness Org
Breast Cancer Prevention Partners
CAARMA
Center for Economic Justice
Center for Environmental Health
Center for Justice & Democracy
Coming Clean
Consumer Action
Consumer Federation of America
Consumers for Auto Reliability and Safety
Earthjustice
Elevate
Environmental Working Group
Food & Water Watch
Green Science Policy Institute
Healthy Children's Project/Delaware
Keeping Babies Safe
Kids In Danger
Learning Disabilities Association of America
National Center for Health Research
National Consumers League
National Employment Law Project
OPEIU
Parents For Window Blind Safety
Protect All Children's Environment
Public Citizen
Safe Infant Sleep
Safe Kids Worldwide
Safer Chemicals Healthy Families
Safer States
Shane’s Foundation, NFP
Sierra Club
The Revolving Door Project
Union of Concerned Scientists
Utility Workers Union of America
U.S. PIRG
Women's Voices for the Earth

**State and Local Organizations**
Alaska Community Action on Toxics
Alaska PIRG
Arizona PIRG
CALPIRG
California Safe Schools
Center for Economic Integrity
Clean Cape Fear
Columbia Consumer Education Council
CoPIRG
Consumer Federation of California
Defend Our Health
Delaware Community Reinvestment Action Council, Inc.
Empire State Consumer Project
Fight For Zero, Inc
Florida Consumer Action Network
Florida PIRG
Georgia PIRG
Illinois PIRG
Iowa PIRG
Learning Disabilities Association of Alabama
Learning Disabilities Association of Connecticut
Learning Disabilities Association of Illinois
Learning Disabilities Association of Indiana
Learning Disabilities Association of Maine
Learning Disabilities Association of Michigan
Learning Disability Association of New Jersey
Learning Disabilities Association of New York State
Learning Disabilities Association of North Carolina
Learning Disabilities Association of South Carolina
Learning Disabilities Association of Texas
Learning Disabilities Association of Virginia
Learning Disabilities Association of Wisconsin
Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition
Maryland PIRG
MASSPIRG
MDC Consulting and Training
Moms for a Nontoxic New York
MoPIRG
NJPIRG
NHPIRG
NMPIRG
NCPIRG
Ohio PIRG
Oregon PIRG (OSPIRG)
PennPIRG
PIRG in Michigan (PIRGIM)
RIPIRG
Sudden Infant Death Services of Illinois.org
TexPIRG
The Consumer Assistance Council, Inc.
The LifTed, LLC
WASHPIRG
WISPIRG

cc: Hon. Charles E. Schumer
    Majority Leader
    United States Senate