

January 25, 2022

The Honorable Maria Cantwell  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Roger Wicker  
United States Senate  
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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.”<sup>1</sup>

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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<sup>1</sup> Testimony of Mary Boyle at the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee, Hybrid Full Committee Nominations Hearing, July 28, 2021, <https://www.commerce.senate.gov/services/files/C3B3B611-FBC1-4EC8-84CE-0790796357B2>.

Sincerely,

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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

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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

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MDC Consulting and Training

Moms for a Nontoxic New York

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NJPIRG

NHPIRG

NMPIRG

NCPIRG

Ohio PIRG

Oregon PIRG (OSPIRG)

PennPIRG

PIRG in Michigan (PIRGIM)

RIPIRG

Sudden Infant Death Services of Illinois.org

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The Consumer Assistance Council, Inc.

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WASHPIRG

WISPIRG

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