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From: James Hill [oakclassics@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 3:43 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.

To whom it may concern,

Before we put such focus on the mattress, maybe we should take a look at the other things in the that are extremely flammable like carpet, furniture finishes, drapes, comforters, sheets and other bedding. I'm not saying there should be no improvement in fire redundancy. I just don't understand why the mattress, a small component to the bedroom environment, is singled out.

Thanks,
James Hill
Sleepy Sheep Mattress Company
2223 Louisiana ST. Suite F
Lawrence, KS 66046
PH: 785-840-0400
FAX: 785-840-0444

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From: Esther Gardner [esther_gardner@yahoo.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 3:41 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

DO NOT PASS A LAW REQUIRING ALL MATTRESSES TO BE FLAMEPROOF!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We need fewer chemicals in our living spaces, not more!

Anyone who smokes in bed deserves the consequences of his action. We should not poison the whole population to protect those who wish to smoke in bed.

Sincerely,
Esther Gardner

PS.--We are moving back to Missouri this summer, where my family is.

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From: Hillary Nash [l.nash@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 3:40 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

Please do not put this new law through. Keep our beds safe from toxic chemicals.

Sincerely,
Lori Holton-Nash

Stevenson, Todd A. 331

From: gale grossman [galegros@core.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 3:33 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: roach killer in mattresses

I was alarmed to learn that chemicals that children react to even when there

are low levels of fragrance in their food, water or air are now going to be

considered for their beds! Why should other people be poisoned because

of irrational people who smoke in bed?

This action should be stopped and more consideration should be given

to the ramifications of placing chemicals in mattresses.

Thank you. Gale Grossman

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From: Sandra Porth [Lovestweetie@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 3:34 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

Please say no !!
What about all the people with allergies to these toxins? How many will die and not know why? How many doctors will stand up in court for the grieving relatives?
This is a human experiment !!!!

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From: Wepsweb@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 3:31 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE STOP!!!

Please stop the law for flameproofing mattresses! Please leave us the choice of what we will be exposed to for 1/3 of our life. Perhaps a compromise would be to offer it as an OPTION for smokers. The rest of us deserve clean air! Thank you, Eileen Marie Wrona

Stevenson, Todd A. 334

From: Jodi Schaaf [schaaf7@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 3:28 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to make my opinion known about flame retardants on our mattresses and bed clothes. Please DO NOT require manufacturers to add these dangerous chemicals to mattresses or bed clothes.

My husband and I and our 5 children are extremely chemical-sensitive. Making us sleep with these chemicals and breathe them for such an extended part of our day will cause us countless other health problems. Please don't do that to us! We work very hard to stay healthy through exercise and healthy diets. We want clean air in our homes and will not accept chemically tainted clothing and furniture.

Please keep our mattresses and bed clothes free of all chemicals, especially flame retardants.

Sincerely,
Jodi Schaaf

185 Allspice Court
Springboro, OH 45066
937-748-3738

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From: Char Baker [char@toledotel.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 3:22 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

March 9,2005

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

I am writing to voice my opinion regarding the proposed law to flame retard mattresses with a toxin. I am outraged at yet another stupid attempt to add more toxins to an already very over-polluted environment.

Children learn in school that one of the reasons we study history is to learn from past mistakes so they aren't repeated. Well..... didn't we learn anything at all from the use of asbestos, or lead based paint, or Aspartame? Do you really believe those who tell you all the additives, radiation, and growth hormones put in our food are not responsible for the high cancer rate in our nation? And now you want to add a poison to the mattresses we sleep on?

This action will most assuredly add to the severity of asthma, allergies, and not to mention the possibility of lung cancers. It will also increase the risk of skin irritations to those who are sensitive, and more than likely to those who never have been! And what about the people who are unfortunate enough to already have been afflicted with eczema or psoriasis?

IT IS NOT WORTH THE RISK YOU ARE ASKING PEOPLE TO TAKE. WE DON'T NEED ANOTHER TOXIN ADDED TO OUR ENVIRONMENT, WE NEED THEM TAKEN AWAY!!!

If a person is foolish enough to smoke in bed, the poisoning of the rest of the population is not going to make a great deal of difference in their longevity. You can be sure, they will figure out a way to be responsible for their own demise.

Sincerely,
Charlotte Baker

Stevenson, Todd A. 336

From: Laura VanDuzer [lauravanduzer@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 3:19 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: mattress NPR

To Whom It May Concern,

Before I found out that my children and I had chemical sensitivities, we were all having a great deal of difficulty breathing because of constant sinus problems, and the sore throats that resulted were physically, financially and in all other ways, taxing. As I removed the chemical cleaners from my home, our health began to improve dramatically. Then, I found out about all the chemicals in our food! Once I began cutting **them** out of our diets, our lives were finally stable.
Now I find out that you want to poison our beds? The very idea of coating peoples mattresses with chemicals that could even possibly poison them is unthinkable. What happens when you find out the harmful effects of these harsh chemicals? How many people will have already suffered, and how? How many children will have needlessly "come down with" some strange rash that lead into something much bigger? How many lives will have been destroyed? Are you willing to risk poisoning a whole population on the remote possibilty of saving a few hundred? Even if it doesn't effect the whole population, what about the thousands of people like my children and myself who develop breathing problems from even casual contact with chemicals like the ones you want to coat our mattresses with? What are we supposed to do? Suffocate?
I implore you, stop this insane idea. Right now, this is just an informal letter. But, if this law goes through, I assure you, myself, and others like me, will not hesitate to fight it in court. We would have no other option, because we can not stand idly by and let the government harm us and our children. At least with our food and our cleaners, we have a choice. Allow us the same choice when it comes to what we sleep on.

Sincerely,

Laura A. Hindle

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From: Linda Gides [LGides@sturmads.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 3:09 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: please rethink this

I don't know a lot about this new law, but it seems to me that the authorities don't either. Would it not be best before the law is passed, that additional long term testing be done. All too often changes are made after tragedies occur. It is beyond my comprehension why we as a society would want to repeat this same mistake over and over again. Is that not the definition of insanity?

Please rethink this law. And, instead of having the victims be the reason why the law is removed, let all of us reap the benefits from the law never going into effect.

Thank you.

Stevenson, Todd A. 338

From: Briana Beebe [briana@brownbagfilmsla.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 3:05 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Flameproof Mattresses

To whom it may concern,

Instead of poisoning people in their sleep, perhaps the public would be better served with PSAs regarding the idiocy of smoking in bed, leaving candles unattended, etc. As the parent of a chemically sensitive child, our family would be greatly impacted by the decision to flameproof mattresses.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Briana Beebe

Stevenson, Todd A. 339

From: Teresa Ellingen [teresaellingen@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 2:57 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

I oppose the manufacture of flame proof matresses. Instead of producing chemical filled bedding that could endanger children more than the "chance" of them being in a fire, you should be endorsing a campaign to teach people responsible behavior concerning smoking in or around the home and their children. There are too many chemicals in a child's world already and the medical community is ignorant of most of the symptoms caused by this. Food manufacturers are allowed to add chemicals to food, kids spend 7 hours a day in schools with moldy ventillation systems, homes are built with chemically treated products and now you expect people to sleep 8 hours on a matress pressed to their faces breathing chemicals into their lungs? Shame on you, I hope you are the first to become overcome by these toxins. Use your head instead of your $calculator$.
Teresa Ellingen

Stevenson, Todd A. 340

From: Goeben6@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 2:54 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Potential Spam: Mattres NPR

I am appalled that there is a law to put these chemicals into EVERY mattress. My children were tested for chemicals when they were 1 and 2 and were found to have a moderate level of antimony ALREADY in their system at that young age from exposure through daily living. What would the level have been if they were sleeping on one of these mattresses every night? Offer consumers a choice....don't dictate what chemicals we have to sleep with. As a mother of 4 I do everything I can to make our home and the food my children eat chemical free.

Until you do long term, controlled studies, do not support this law. It would be unethical...experimenting on unknowing men, women and small children without their consent.

Thank you,

Tim & Karen Goeben
Oshkosh, Wisconsin

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From: EvnsMa@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 2:53 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Cc: shula@feingold.org
Subject: Mattress NPR

To whomever cares,

Regarding your proposed law to add chemicals to mattresses to flameproof mattresses.

Please stop the madness. Adding more chemicals ... and this time to a surface that we have full body contact and breathe on for one-third of our day? There are millions of chemical-sensitive adults and children. When I first heard about this, I thought it was just a joke. It had to be a joke. But it's not. What it is, is a health travesty waiting to happen. What it also is, is a major class action law suit waiting to be filed.

Sincerely,
Madelaine Skenderian

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From: WPackfans@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 2:49 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Potential Spam: Matress NPR

Do not force my children to inhale chemicals each night of their life, as I do everything in my power during the day to keep them away from these potential poisons. Flameproof mattresses are not worth the risk to our children! Jessica Barton

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From: kvc@kvalley.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 2:48 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

The U.S. Consumer ***"Protection"***!!!! Safety Commission is recommending flame retardant for ALL mattresses to be sold in the U.S.? No choice for the consumer -- and without testing!

Forget checking out the *science* of whether or not the added chemicals [56 hours/week inhaling them, just inches from your nose!] cause cancer or other health problems -- apparently the CPSC powers-that-be cannot even do the *math*: exposing 300 million to chemicals that have never been considered, much less proven, to be safe to sleep with vs. preventing three hundred possible fatalities due to smoking in bed (whose already damaged lungs will also be exposed to the chemicals purported to 'save' them!).

Hmmm: Risk the health of 300 million to maybe save 3 hundred?? NO WAY!!!

The answer to CPSC's 300 minus 3,000,000 is that somebody powerful is on the take. The Chemical industry lobby must be making life very cushy for some or all of the CPSC administrators for such a dangerously ludicrous law to be recommended. Bush-league science is at it again.

Kathleen CannCasciato
kvc@kvalley.com

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Stevenson, Todd A. 344

From: James Bond [manzz007@yahoo.ca]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 1:18 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Re:Flame proof mattresses

Please skip the big brother act, and do not dare try to enforce this chemical being administered to our mattresses....it is just another degenerative disease producer or long term slow killer.....we have enough of these already.....
Sincerely
K. Mander

I like my martini shaken...not stirred
In His Majesty's Secret Service

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From: Donnie [mickiemc@frontiernet.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 12:30 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Flame retardant chemicals

I have autoimmune diseases, atopy, allergies, allergic contact dermatitis, asthma, post-polio syndrome and MCS. I can not tolerate flame retardants, formaldehyde, or other chemicals. It is extremely important to allow people who can't tolerate chemicals that are to be used for flame retardant mattresses, to be able to buy mattresses and other bedding materials, that are safe for us. Those chemicals are not safe for anyone, and can be deadly for some of us.

It is wrong to risk the lives of many, by forcing hazardous materials on us. Many of us have to avoid VOCs and other chemicals, because they harm our health. Where are we supposed to sleep, if we can no longer buy mattresses that are safe for us to sleep on.

It would be far better to promote fire safety, and have flame retardant beds available for people who really want them, then to force such hazardous beds on all of us. There is little to be gained by the retardant law, and certainly much to be lost. Like the health of millions of people.

Thank you for your time.

Donna Hoaglin

Stevenson, Todd A. 346

From: lightlove1@comcast.net
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 12:23 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

Please do not bring this into my non-smoking home! This is ridiculous to endanger my precious small children who have only begun to breathe!!!!

Darla Lucero
Hoffman Estates, IL

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We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us...
--Abraham Lincoln

Stevenson, Todd A. 347

From: Paula Behr [cyberbehrs@earthlink.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 12:14 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Flame Retardant Mattresses (Mattress NPR)

Please keep flame retardants out of our mattresses. As a nursing mother, I feel that I already have enough carcinogenic chemicals in my body and do not need more. This risk-benefit ratio ends up as too high of a risk for toxic chemical exposure versus too low of a benefit from fire safety.

Stop bed mattresses from being inundated with chemicals!

Sincerely,

Paula Behr
3901 Georgia Avenue North
Crystal, MN 55427

Stevenson, Todd A. 348

From: Dannette Hanna [dollygolly@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 7:39 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress Npr

We don't need more chemicals surrounding us while we sleep. I am very sensitive to chemicals and avoid them for my health. Did you ever have to move pews in church because someone sat down near you with chemicals sprayed all over them in the form of perfume? We are surrounded by carcinogens that are killing us. We eat them, because the food has longer shelf life, we drink them because artificial colors and flavors are cheep and marketable, we live in them because our cars and houses are out gassing them. We don't need more chemicals in our lives. Please keep our sleeping environment clean and chemical free.
Dolly Hanna

Stevenson, Todd A. 349

From: Kim Bruno [kgbruno@earthlink.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 7:47 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Cc: Wendy Clark
Subject: Mattress NPR

As a consumer, I object to the proposed rule permitting boric Acid (an insecticide), formaldehyde, melamine, antimony and other toxic chemicals being added to mattresses to make them "flameproof." Many of these chemicals are carcinogenic and may be associated with high prenatal mortality, birth defects, reduced fertility, sterility as well as liver, kidney, brain, and heart muscle damage. Aside from inhalation absorption, some of these chemicals can be toxic or cause injury from skin contact alone .

The mission of the CPSC is to avoid injury to consumers. Accepting these additives to mattresses would violate your mission. Moreover, although agencies need not be wise in adopting rules and regulations, they can not ignore scientific evidence showing that their action would permit consumers to be injured.

I understand that most home fires associated with mattresses are related to persons smoking in bed. However, as the percentage of Americans smoking has fallen, why permeate our mattresses with chemicals that may cause injury in order to reduce a declining number of persons igniting their mattresses through carelessness?

Be sensible and true to your mission. Do not let mattress manufacturers add dangerous chemicals to our bedding.

Kim Bruno

Washington, D.C.

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From: Dawn Dover [ddviolin@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 10:07 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Re: Boric acid in beds

To Whom It May Concern,

I can not believe that in this day and time, with all of the available knowledge there is out there about the use of chemicals and what it does to our bodies, that people are for this law concerning boric acid. You people have got to wake up. Risking ANYONE'S life with this type of gamble, and not considering long term illness and the devestation this can bring to an individual's life, not to mention their family's lives, is simply irresponsible. I am sorry that people die in fires, and i don't wish it on me, or anyone, but it is no reason to kill us slowly with chemicals. I can't believe that you people insist on "testing" this out. IT IS A BAD CHEMICAL! This isn't brain surgery. If you allow this to happen, you will be responsible for millions of eventual illnesses, and possibly deaths. Do you want that on your back?

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> The CPSC admits they have no exposure data and cannot do a
> quantitative risk analysis. Instead, they say they are doing a
> qualitative analysis, by relying on staff's professional judgment. In
> other words, they are guessing. They say study will be ongoing,
> meaning they will test our entire population, and if they later find
> human damage, it is the responsibility of other government agencies to
> ban that specific chemical.

You have no exposure data? And, how long would it take to successfully and HONESTLY test the long term affects from this chemical? You don't have that kind of time to wait, do you? Of course not.

You people will be utterly irresponsible and no less than murderers if you allow this chemical to be used in the mattresses. Sleep is where we are supposed to regenerate, not absorb yet MORE chemicals that our body has to fight to release and expel. I hope that you are intelligent and COMPASSIONATE enough, and have the BALLS to step up to the plate and do the right thing here. We will see.

Dawn Dover

Stevenson, Todd A. 351

From: WhollyFit@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 10:05 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

To whom it may concern:

Please do not pass this law to flameproof mattresses.

Mary Dennis
17 Cortland Way
Grafton, MA 01519

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From: paul swanson [pasmas@lycos.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 10:00 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

To whom it may concern,

Stop this insanity of trying to fix a problem (only to make it worse for the rest of us) that exists for a select few idiots. Quit listening to all these lobyists and listen to your heart! Isn't that the bottom line - keeping a THINKING individual safe from harms way. Chemicals don't need to solve every problem that arises. In this case, leave the CHEMICALS to those people who smoke in bed to them. Let them decide to buy that mattress with the chemicals. Let us decide to buy one without.

A concerned citizen for our youth - our own natural resource!!

Paul Swanson
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From: Kathy Harrell [Kathy.Harrell@assurant.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 9:55 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: we should have a choice on a mattress for ourselves.

Please keep the chemical out of our beds or at least give us the choice. My son and daughter are very sensitive to chemicals and this would be a huge problem for them. We don't smoke and use every precaution to keep our home safe from fire (smoke detectors, fire exits etc.). This is very wrong to make this happen in every state to all mattress. I thought as a American citizen we were free to make choices. If this is true then we should have a choice to purchase a mattress without all the chemicals.

Kathy Harrell
Administrative Assistant to Cliff Korte, Dianna Duvall & Mike Williams Life, Disability, Dental and Voluntary Life and Disability Claims
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Thank you.
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Stevenson, Todd A. 354

From: Laurawoodykelly@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 9:45 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Fire proof mattress

I can't understand why the government would put us all at increased risk for a few idiots who choose to smoke in bed. Let them order the special mattresses and pay the extra price. There are folks with all kinds of sensitivities and they don't need something else to worry about. Please consider changing this - at least give us a choice of what we want to buy!!
Laura Kelly Registered Republican
710 Stoystown Road
Somerset, Pa. 15501

Stevenson, Todd A. 355

From: Kelley [kelleyi@localnet.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 9:42 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: US Consumer Products Safety Commission: Please consider the risks

...of adding more flameproof chemicals to mattresses! Let it be our choice to buy flameproof or not. If you do not live with a smoker and if you have working smoke alarms in your home, you should have a choice to sleep on Roach Killer powder or **not**. PLEASE let this country --AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL-- be one of choices--do not make this choice for us!! We live in a democracy so we can choose what is best for ourselves based on self-education of products. Let us have a choice to make--do not ban the old mattresses! This is wasteful and adds to our growing problem of garbage dumps! It may possibly hurt the manufacturers when they are not permitted to sell items that are in stock that they have already paid for.
Think of the safety of the county and our health--The US consumer depends on you!
Thank you for your attention and consideration to this issue.
Kelley Ivett
8110 Route 83
South Dayton, NY 14138

Stevenson, Todd A. 356

From: JLentz@bbafiberweb.com

Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 9:29 AM

To: Stevenson, Todd A.

Subject: Environmental impact of proposed fireproof mattress legislation

Has the legislation fireproofing mattresses been reviewed for environmental impact? I would think that, given the close proximity in which individuals will be sleeping to these mattresses, that the health impacts on the entire population of the united states would need to be reviewed thoroughly before proceeding. If there's no impact, there will be the saving of a few lives from home fires. If there is even a small impact, the cost to the public health care system would be catastrophic, far outweighing any savings to be derived from the enhanced fire safety of the mattresses.

Jeff Lentz

Hendersonville, Tennesseee

(615) 826-5964

Stevenson, Todd A. 357

From: christine braun [deepblue.studios@verizon.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 9:24 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattresses NPR

I am horrified at the prospect of sleeping on chemically treated mattresses. I am even more horrified at the prospect of my children sleeping on these mattresses. Why on earth would anyone assume it was "good for the public" to sleep on such mattresses? I would like you to put my name in as one who is absolutely against this law. I honestly can not believe that with all that parents have to worry about today you are adding mattresses, of all things, to the list. It disgusts me that any business/corporation would poison millions to save a few. Isn't it enough that these chemicals are showing up in our bodies now? I do not want my children poisoned over years of exposure to these chemicals on the off chance that there may be a fire. I honestly feel the risk of exposure is greater then the possible good these mattress may do. It seems that as usual the companies pushing for this are more interested in the monetary gains then the hazard to human life. It disgusts me.

Sincerely,
Christine Braun

Stevenson, Todd A. 358

From: debbra zaorski [spoons1@mindspring.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 9:15 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Flame retardant matteresses

I beg of you to stop this insanity! People that smoke in bed should not have the right to poison the rest of us because of their stupidity! I mean give me a break, you are ignoring your own scientific research. Why? I can't believe it is "safe" to sleep on top of roach killer, (boric acid) or any number of the chemicals you are going to demand the producers add to mattresses. These chemicals are already found in the breast milk of nursing moms, not to mention the infants whose livers are not quite mature enough to handle these toxins. Please rethink your stance. Millions of lives are at stake!

Thank you for your time,
Debbra Voss

"I have one share in corporate Earth, and I am nervous about the management."
- E.B. White

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Stevenson, Todd A. 359

From: The Morrison Family [welive4Him@cox.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 9:11 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

Please stop this bill from going into law, for the safety of our children and EVERYONE who sleeps on a mattress. A better, safer alternative would be to promote fire safety...i.e. Not smoking in bed! Please don't make us all be exposed to these lethal chemicals. For more info, check out the website www.peopleforcleanbeds.org. Thanks for your time and considerations.

Joyfully in His service,
Dawn Morrison
Warwick, RI
I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known Thy faithfulness to all generations. Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of Thy countenance. In Thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in Thy righteousness shall they be exalted. Psalm 89:1,15,16

Stevenson, Todd A. 360

From: De and Steve [springmyer@mindspring.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 9:00 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: NO flameproof mattresses

Please do not support mandatory flameproofing of mattresses -- exposure to these chemicals is extremely hazardous.
The exposure to chemicals and synthetics in our daily lives is altering our own chemical make-up (DNA).
Stop this proposed action.

Deanne Myer
Boston, MA

Stevenson, Todd A. 361

From: Branch, Bonnie [Bonnie.Branch@xerox.com]

Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 8:49 AM

To: Stevenson, Todd A.

Subject: Potential Spam: New Mattress Law

It is my educated opinion that putting poisonous chemicals in anything is dangerous to our health. We get them in our foods, in our prescription drugs, in our toothpaste, our body cleansers, soaps, shampoos, deodorants, makeup products, vaccines, we breath them in the air, gasoline fumes, diesel fumes, air fresheners, chlorine fumes, (how good is that to breath with our hot morning shower?) cleaning products, clothing fibers, & yes there are already poisonous chemicals in our mattresses. Why would anyone think that adding another known poison to the mix could be good for anyone? Look around, everywhere there is illness, things that were not heard of 5, 10, 15, 20, years ago. Our children are most vulnerable, you hear people say everyday how difficult it is to have healthy children in this day & age. When are you going to begin to look for products that are proven to be healthy for the people!!! The time is now!! Stop this ridiculous law, protect the people, this is the new age of health consciousness. We know what the risks are & choose not to take them. Use these mattresses in your homes, with your loved ones, for the next 20 years, then try them on the population, we will all know that they have been tested. You made the bed, you sleep in it.

Thank You,With Hopes

That Good Sense Will

Prevail,

Bonnie E. Branch

Stevenson, Todd A. 362

From: Natalie Blahut [natalieb7@iglide.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 8:09 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Potential Spam: Is it safe to sleep w/roach killer powder?

Roaches are not nearly as lethal as the killer powders. There are better alternatives. E.g., in roach infested Florida (large and small roaches), most people still control roaches with less lethal means, like Harris tablets. My dogs even will not touch them even though one eats almost everything else.

Natalie Blahut
3990 Sunhawk Blvd.
Tallahassee, Fl 32309-1428

Stevenson, Todd A. 363

From: Kresse, Valerie [Valerie.Kresse@bcbswi.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 8:07 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: New Mattresses

Importance: High

I just heard about the chemicals that will be added to our mattresses so they won't burn. I am appalled by this!! The risks that these chemicals present far out way the benefit that adding them presents. To protect someone who may be smoking in bed - and should be a responsible adult who should no better - we should put our babies, children, pregnant women and other adults at risk?? This does not seem right!! My daughter just had open heart surgery to fix her heart and now I am going to have to have her sleep on a mattress that could cause heart muscle damage!!

I really think that this law should be re-looked at and studied more before it is put into place. I know I will be going out and buying new mattresses for my children before I have to put them on a contaminated mattress!

Thank you,

Valerie Kresse
Concerned Mother of 2
2732 Brighton Drive
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From: Anne Roux [annemroux@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 8:07 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

I am writing to comment on the current proposal to require mattresses to be flame retardant. I am ADAMANTLY opposed to this idea as a mother of two chemically sensitive children. Chemicals are easily absorbed through the skin and we don't have good research to show what the longterm effects of chemicals on our bodies will be. Some states, such as California, have banned flame retardant clothing. I believe the costs outweigh the risks in exposing people to these mattresses. Please reconsider this proposal. Sincerely, Anne Roux, annemroux@yahoo.com, 808 Kentridge Ct., St. Louis, MO 63021

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From: Wanda Tansey [wtansey@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 7:59 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: MATTRESS NPR

We, the people, will make OUR OWN DECISIONS about what mattress to sleep on. We don't need, nor want your advice or dictatorial methods about how we should live. Most importantly, the lawsuits that will ensue from this will shut down the entire program. Did you even consider that? Remember...lawsuits due to chemical exposure. Lots of them.

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From: Michelle McDonald [michellemcd@direcway.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 7:57 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

I am writing to urge you to to avoid passing this bill regarding flame retardant in mattresses. Perhaps the govenment feels bad for contiuing to allow cigarette companies to continue to poison our citizens, and thus finds it necessary to protect the less than bright who choose to smoke in bed. Those who are smart enough to make healthy decisions for ourselves and families should not be subjected to exposure to harmful chemicals that have not been tested for this purpose. Many of our citizens, myself incluced, spend much time and money to reduce our exposure to chemicals. The government should be going in the other direction, promoting the use of more natural, organic products, and stop protecting those who choose to put themselves at risk.

Michelle McDonald
LLL Leader, Grand Rapids Chapter
616-868-0892

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From: DL425BONES@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 12:14 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: I have many allergies and so do my kids.

To Whom it May Concern:

I have many allergies due to DES that my mother took when she was pregnant with me. They say my DNA has been altered because of it. DES was taken off the market, but it sounds like some testing should be done before putting chemicals in mattresses.

Now that new mattresses are being put on the market with chemicals in them, I will be one of the ones that WILL have a problem!!! Please do not do this. How can you do this???

Debra Levinson
DL425Bones@aol.com

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From: Stephanie [steffer@cox.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 12:04 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Toxins in Bedding

Please stop putting harmful chemicals like bug killer and flame retardant in bedding. It is harmful to my health, both short-term and long-term, and certainly not worth the risk of what few benefits there may be. I will not buy mattress from manufacturers that continue this practice.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Smith

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From: Marsha Honn [wonderranch@netwitz.net]

Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 1:38 PM

To: Stevenson, Todd A.

Subject: Flame retarding mattresses

To Whom It May Concern:

Please note my opposition to using flame retardant and other chemicals in the production of mattresses. These are toxic chemicals and if this becomes law I know thousands of other people like me who will have to find alternative organic or other mattresses. I refuse to sleep on chemicals that are hazardous to my health and the health of others.

Sincerely,
Marsha Honn, Ph.D.

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From: Alfred R. Johnson, D.O. [DrJ@JohnsonMedicalAssociates.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 12:12 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Chemical treatment of mattresses

I am a physician that treats people daily that have allergic and adverse reactions to flame retardants and pesticides. The public does not need another toxic exposure source, their mattress, to add to their exposure level and reactivity. Often I have to write prescriptions for chemical free mattresses (custom made) so my patients can sleep comfortably and with no health risk. Additional mattress treatment will only increase health problems! Allergies are increasing. I am totally against any chemical treatment of mattresses for pests or flames.

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From: Pamela Ruggles [PRuggles@webtv.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 11:47 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Flame-proof mattress action alert

Flame-proof
mattress action al...

I absolutely DO NOT want this law passed. It is NOT safe to be anywhere near ANY kind of pesticides, much less to SLEEP with them every night. Can you imagine the children with CNS problems (seizures, etc.), asthma, cancer and God knows what else as a result of this? Could you live with yourself?

Thank you for your serious consideration of this matter.
Pam Ruggles

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From: Susan Pulis [susanp@fastq.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 2:38 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: flame retardant mattresses

Please do not experiment on us. Keep toxic chemicals away from our night time sleep. Let a few smokers take the consequences of their actions if they can't follow a simple rule of not smoking in bed (300 of them); let the rest of us - (Millions) - live.

Thank you
Susan Justice-Pulis

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From: Stephanie [ski4@optonline.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 3:24 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

You must be kidding?!?! Why should the whole country risk being poisoned with roach killer while sleeping in their beds just to protect the few people still stupid enough to smoke (in bed no less!!!!)
~Stephanie Harzewski
Greenwood Lake, NY

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From: Manja Lucci [Manja_Lucci@npd.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 3:25 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the proposed law to require the use of potentially harmful chemical compounds to flameproof mattresses.

As a consumer, I do not give you my consent to participate in what is essentially an experiment on over 300 million consumers. It is poor science and insane public policy to subject millions of Americans to this insufficiently researched risk when the most optimistic outcome is that 300 lives might be saved. The possible benefit does not justify the risk.

Please remember that the mission of the CPSC is to protect consumers; please protect us by keeping our mattresses safe from potentially toxic chemicals.

Thank you,
Manja Lucci

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From: roseanstine [ndtorest@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 3:35 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: mattress NPR

Dear Lawmakers,

Who would pass such a law , as to protect one from fire while poisoning them to death? Please, do not pass this law. It will be very hard to have my children sleep in a new bed, and not be ill. THey are very sensitive to chemicals and I greatly anticipate this to be a problem. thank you Rose anstine

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From: Swinehart, Vicki J [vicki.j.Swinehart@vanderbilt.edu]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 10:08 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

PLEASE don't let them put chemicals in the mattresses, so many of us have such sensitive systems all ready. Out law cigarettes, don't penalize the rest of us.

Thank you for your time,
Vicki Swinehart

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Our World is filled with wondrously diverse people of every type imaginable, when we learn to see the positives in diversity, then, and only then, do we grow and become enriched by that diversity. by Dr. Charles Frost

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From: Patricia Jordan [pjordan0@earthlink.net]

Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 10:12 AM

To: Stevenson, Todd A.

Cc: dmartin2@wvu.edu

Subject: Is it safe to sleep in Roach Killer powder? Is the benefit worth the risk? CPSC public comment period on proposed law to flameproof mattresses ends 3-14-05. (Last Chance to Stop Law) Send

I in the past year purchased 3 mattresses and am sincerely glad that I did before the mattresses became infected with chemicals that are hazardous to our health. This new type of mattress smells so bad that it is hard to stand shopping at a mattress store to purchase one, yet alone buying one and sleeping on it.

Don't you know that we have enough health problems in the United States without another government agency trying to protect smokers from themselves. How about the rest of America who don't smoke and have considerable health and allergic problems.

If this be the case, *protect the stupid smokers from burning up in their beds*, then make two different kinds of mattresses, one that has **NO CHEMICALS OR ADDITIVES for 90%** of the population and **THEN ONE THAT IS CHEMICAL LADEN TO PROTECT SMOKERS for the other 10%**.

Don't make us all pay the price healthwise for their stupidity.

Patricia Jordan
pjordan0@earthlink.net
Why Wait? Move to EarthLink.

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From: Laura Rushmann [laura_rushmann@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 10:33 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

After reading the article from the Feingold Association, I felt that I had to say "No" to putting this type of material/chemical into mattresses.

This should not be a mandatory decision; just as you can choose to scotchguard your soft and carpets, you should have the right to choose not to have your mattresses contaminated.

There are enough chemicals and other hazzards floating around today without putting something in our beds where we spend our time sleeping.

Thank you,

Laura Rushmann

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From: Richard Saunders [rsaunders@jurasinoilgas.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 10:29 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

Do not pass this bill until you better understand the bio chemistry issues that you will be introducing to our children.

Richard C. Saunders

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From: Marante, Jesus [JMarante@daytop.org]

Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 10:25 AM

To: Stevenson, Todd A.

Subject: Message against the new law for chemicals in mattresses

Hello, I am a Physician working in New York City. I never saw something like this new law. In USA, until I know, everybody has the opportunity to make a choice about his/her own health; vegetarians have the right to chose what they eat, as well as regular people do. Even when we know that the most healthy choice is a balanced diet, we have to respect that decision. Now you are trying to leave people without any other choice than sleep on chemicals (more or less harmful, it does not really matter). I can see two different problems here: one problem is regarding health, and is very important, since health is the most important value in our lives; but there is also another problem, if we accept that somebody (goverment, organization, etc.) makes choices for us, then we are loosing the priviledges our ancestors fought for us many years ago. Freedom begins with personal choices ! ! ! !

Dr. Marante

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From: K.Yoder [yoder_isd@xsmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 10:25 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the proposed law to require the use of potentially harmful chemical compounds to flameproof mattresses.

As a consumer, I do not give you my consent to participate in what is essentially an experiment on over 300 million consumers. It is poor science and insane public policy to subject millions of Americans to this insufficiently researched risk when the most optimistic outcome is that 300 lives might be saved. The possible benefit does not justify the risk.

Please remember that the mission of the CPSC is to protect consumers; please protect us by keeping our mattresses safe from potentially toxic chemicals.

Thank you,
Karen Yoder

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From: Sharlene Krepps [sckrepps@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 10:19 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Chemical in Mattresses

Please do not let chemicals be added in the name of safety. No tests have been completed on the the safety of the chemicals in the mattresses. Also we have enough chemicals we are subjected to. So many people including children are on allergy medication. This is just another gimmick to charge more money for mattresses...not for safety.

Sharlene Krepps
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Lee's Summit, MO 64064
(816)478-2181

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From: Andrea Misner [amisner@vpndude.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 10:45 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the proposed law to require the use of potentially harmful chemical compounds to flameproof mattresses.

As a consumer, I do not give you my consent to participate in what is essentially an experiment on over 300 million consumers. It is poor science and insane public policy to subject millions of Americans to this insufficiently researched risk, when the most optimistic outcome is that 300 lives might be saved. The possible benefit does not justify the risk.

Please remember that the mission of the CPSC is to protect consumers; please protect us by keeping our mattresses safe from potentially toxic chemicals.

Sincerely,

Andrea Misner

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From: paulajean.palmore@altarum.org
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 10:46 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

To Whom it May Concern,
Please rethink your position on flameproof mattresses. I have a chemically sensitive ADHD 10 year old boy. He is so sensitive to chemicals that we have to dress him in all cotton tight fitting pajamas that have been washed 3 times before he ever wears them. Remember those flame retardant PJs? They smell of the chemicals they are treated with. Not only did he break out into a rash wearing them just 1 night, but he had major mood swings the next day and went into an emotional meltdown. We also have to be careful with the finish on new clothes that he picks up on his hands and through the air when we go clothes shopping at the mall. I have to bath him completely and give him plenty of water or there will be hell to pay within 12 hrs while he reacts to the chemicals (violent mood swings, increased hyperactivity, and total unfocus).

I can't believe you want to stuff his mattress full of chemicals! He will sleep on it for 8 hours and breathe that stuff. I'd have to incase a new mattress in some kind of impermeable plastic to keep him from breathing it. What kind of inhalant and skin absorption testing have you done?! I don't see any evidence that this is safe.

Please don't be misled by the mattress community (who wants us all to buy new mattresses), the chemical companies (that stand to profit from the sale of their chemicals), or the well meaning fire departments. If one is going to be so stupid as to smoke in bed or put candles on the bed then they deserve to burn. My son deserves to sleep on a mattress that doesn't require him to take a triple dose of ritalin to survive.

-Paula Palmore

p.s. I am sharing my letter with Congressman Tom Davis.

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From: Natalie Waddell-Rutter [natalie.waddellrutter@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 10:56 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the proposed law to require the use of potentially harmful chemical compounds to flameproof mattresses. As a consumer who needs to buy a new mattress soon, I am very concerned that I will be exposed to high levels of harmful chemicals with minimal overall benefit. Living in a modern world, we are already exposed to many potentially harmful chemicals during our waking lives. It would be very unfortunate if that were true of our sleeping lives.

As a consumer, I do not give you my consent to participate in what is essentially an experiment on over 300 million consumers. It is poor science and insane public policy to subject millions of Americans to this insufficiently researched risk when the most optimistic outcome is that 300 lives might be saved. The possible benefit does not justify the risk.

Please remember that the mission of the CPSC is to protect consumers; please protect us by keeping our mattresses safe from potentially toxic chemicals.

Thank you,
Natalie Waddell-Rutter
North East, PA

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From: Hummel, Brenda H [brenda.h.hummel@vanderbilt.edu]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 10:51 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: mattress NPR

To whom it may concern,
Please, please, please do not pass the law which will add boric acid and other chemicals to mattresses. We do not need more chemicals in our lives. I am very sensitive to chemicals and this law would be detrimental to my health. If you are that determined, just make some mattresses, not all, flame retardant for those who do smoke in bed.
Thank you.
Brenda Hummel

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From: Joy Deborah Wiltenburg [wiltenburg@rowan.edu]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 11:07 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Chemicals in bedding

Please do not allow potentially toxic flame retardant to be required in mattresses. As a parent of chemically sensitive children I am very concerned about this shortsighted measure. Joy Wiltenburg

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From: Mary Suggs [msuggs@temafurniture.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 3:25 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Cc: Benny Kjaer; Soren Thomsen
Subject: FW: Open Letter to Mattress Retailers, Lack of common sense in government may cause disaster

This is just another example of government bureaucracy. We spend millions of dollars studying why an animal does or does not do something. We make it illegal for our elderly to buy drugs, at a reasonable price, out of Canada. I could name hundreds of instances where we have studied something to death and not allowed the use because further study was needed. Yet we allow something like this to be put into law. This requirement could endanger millions of people. Who is protecting their rights, their safety? Where is the common sense in this? Let's take the reverse with the car industry. There have been accidents with consumers who have been wearing their seatbelts. In some cases, death was the result. Did the government determine that because of these incidents, the car dealership should stop installing seatbelts? Of course not They realize that wearing our seatbelts saves many more lives than it takes. Common sense would tell us that we take a much greater risk of harm to the consumer if we change the law to require that this toxic chemical be placed on the mattress to flameproof it. Let's stop this now before to many people are affected by this decision.

Just my opinion.

Mary Suggs.
-----Original Message-----
From: Soren Thomsen
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 11:00 AM
To: Benny Kjaer; Mary Suggs
Subject: FW: Open Letter to Mattress Retailers, Lack of common sense in government may cause disaster

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From: Mark Strobel [mailto:health@strobel.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 9:50 AM
To: Soren Thomsen
Subject: Open Letter to Mattress Retailers, Lack of common sense in government may cause disaster

Open Letter to Mattress Retailers:

Lack of common sense in government may cause another public health disaster

Whitney Davis, an Attorney and Director of the Children's Coalition for Fire Safe Mattresses, wrote and started the law to flameproof mattresses in California. The Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC) will enact this law nationwide within the year. The CPSC public comment period on this law ends 3-14-05. Please send comments directly to the CPSC cpsc-os@cpsc.gov (Subject: "Mattress NPR")

Mr. Davis is now realizing that manufacturers are using toxic chemicals to flameproof mattresses to meet this law. In a recent news release he stated: "Some in the industry are being tempted to poison our kids ... The Problem: the only chemicals they can use to achieve compliance are listed as toxic to humans by the EPA." (www.ccfsm.com)

With our entire population, 300 Million People, sleeping on mattresses, all mattresses must be safe for human exposure. Our exposure in mattresses is unique. We have full body and breathing contact eight hours a day for the rest of our lives. It is unacceptable for even a small percentage of mattresses to be toxic. If only 15% prove toxic, it affects 45 Million people. If only 1%, it is still 3 Million people harmed.

It would be wonderful to save 300 people annually from fire as proponents hope. But we must also consider the risk. We don't want to kill more than we save. We are putting one million people at risk to save one. This law has the potential to harm millions of people. While not everyone was exposed to Asbestos, we learned too late it has a 40-year latency period to detect poisoning. It has already killed 300,000 people. Experts expect it will continue to kill 10,000 people per year for the next twenty-five years.

Chemical barrier systems are used at the surface of mattresses to prevent ignition from open flames. Systems include a fertilizer called Ammonium Polyphosphate that is sprayed on the ticking; Boric Acid (Roach Killer) mixed as loose dust with cotton batting just under the ticking; Antimony Oxide which the CPSC calls 'moderate risk,' but says it may be released with perspiration; and "Polymerized Resins" made from the reaction of melamine and formaldehyde which the CPSC calls 'low risk.' It contains a small amount of free formaldehyde and more may be released over time as all things break down. Fiberglass is the only inherently flame retardant fiber that can pass this flame test without added chemicals. Experts say we should not breathe tiny fiberglass particles and consider it as bad as Asbestos. We know these chemicals are incredibly toxic to people and some also cause cancer, how do we justify sleeping in them?

Even if safe systems exist, all mattresses must be safe or this law should be stopped in the CPSC and repealed in California. It defies common sense to expose our entire population to even low or moderate risk to save a very few. The CPSC admits they have no exposure data and are guessing about the safety of these systems, yet it will soon become national law. More study is needed. Just because California passes a law without considering the risks does not mean it is good for the nation. The risk outweighs the benefit.

I am an independent specialty mattress manufacturer, have been in business for thirty years, and know a lot about my industry. I am normally very conservative but became alarmed as I learned about the chemicals required in mattresses to meet the new law. We are not helpless to stop this law; retailer comments will carry more weight than the general public's. Send your comments directly to CPSC cpsc-os@cpsc.gov. (Subject: "Mattress NPR") 3-14-05 is our last chance. Also, visit www.Strobel.com to learn more, vote, and leave comments on this issue. Click here to vote. We will forward them to the CPSC and would like to know you support us. If we later find human damage from poison mattresses, retailers may also face legal liabilities as lawyers advertise on TV looking for victims.

Separately, please look at and consider our mattresses. Not because ours are safer, we can't determine which flameproofing systems are safe, but because we offer great selling specialty mattresses including Air, Latex, Water, Visco, and our Patented Supple-Pedic's hot selling 3-Bed program. Click here for free information package on our products. But most importantly, please send your comments to the CPSC cpsc-os@cpsc.gov. With your help we have a chance at stopping this law, or at least causing government to do due diligence to make as sure as possible that all mattresses are safe. The warnings exist. The human cost of being wrong is too high a price to pay, for government to force even negligible risk on our entire population.

Sincerely, Mark Strobel, President, **Strobel Technologies, High Point** IHFC-M640, **Tupelo, Las Vegas**, www.strobel.com , 3131 Industrial Pkwy, Jeffersonville IN 47130, Phone: 866-Strobel, 800-457-6442, 812-282-4388, Fax: 812-282-6528, Email: mark@strobel.com

References:

(1) "CPSC staff has previously provided its opinion that boric anhydride and boric acid are acutely toxic, ... Moreover, it is staff's opinion that boric acid falls within the CPSC's chronic toxicity guidelines issued under the FHSA. It is a probable reproductive and developmental toxicant in humans, based upon sufficient animal data." (Page 148)

(5)" Antimony is regarded as a possible inhalation carcinogen. ... There is limited data to suggest that antimony may be released from a polymer matrix. ... The results of the limited testing suggest that antimony may be released in measurable quantities from a polymer matrix. ... the amount of antimony found in a barrier is expected to be higher than in the polyester fabrics ... The amount of antimony migrating from treated barriers is expected to be higher as well." (Page 166), http://www.cpsc.gov/library/foia/foia05/brief/mattressespt3.pdf

What about the millions of unfortunate people who unknowingly get systems in their new mattresses that are considered high risk? The CPSC answers that after we test our entire population other agencies will ban that specific chemical after we find human harm.(2), (8), Federal Register / Vol. 70, No. 9 / Thursday, January 13, 2005 / Proposed Rules 2477, p9 of PDF, item 6.: http://www.cpsc.gov/businfo/frnotices/fr05/openflame.pdf

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(3), (4) page 17 of CPSC, http://www.cpsc.gov/library/foia/foia05/brief/mattressespt1.pdf

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According to USA Today, "Though the USA has the world's toughest flame retardancy standards, 3,000 people die in fires each year. The Chemical Manufacturers Association estimates the number would be up to 960 higher without the [1.2 Billion pounds of] flame-retardant chemicals we now use [annually]." (7) http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/2003-09-22-breast-milk_x.htm

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Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) and Scientific Reports on Chemicals used to flameproof mattresses:

EPA Boric Acid Review, June 2004, Conclusions: "have identified the developing fetus and the testes as the two most sensitive targets of boron toxicity ... high prenatal mortality, reduced fetal body weight and malformations and variations of the eyes, central nervous system, cardiovascular system, and axial skeleton ... The testicular effects that have been reported include reduced organ weight and organ:body weight ratio, atrophy, ... reduced fertility and sterility" http://www.epa.gov/iris/toxreviews/0410-tr.pdf

CDC Boric Acid Review, Health Effects, 1992, Conclusions: "Demonstrated injury to the gonads and to the developing fetus. ... Boron (as boron oxide and boric acid dusts) has been shown to cause irritation of the upper respiratory tract in humans. ... Boron does cause health effects following acute dermal exposure. ... Neonatal children are unusually susceptible to boron exposure. ... Neurological damage is an area of concern following exposure to boron ... http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxprofiles/tp26-c2.pdf

Boric Acid MSDS: "Chronic Exposure: Prolonged absorption causes weight loss, vomiting, diarrhea, skin rash, convulsions and anemia. Liver and particularly the kidneys may be susceptible." http://www.rosemill.com/html/msds/chem_boric_acid_msds.pdf

Antimony Oxide MSDS: "Potential Health Effects: ... May cause heart to beat irregularly or stop. ... Chronic Exposure: Prolonged or repeated exposure may damage the liver and the heart muscle. Prolonged skin contact may cause irritation, dermatitis, itching, and pimple eruptions. There is an association between antimony trioxide production and an increased incidence of lung cancer." http://www.jtbaker.com/msds/englishhtml/a7236.htm

Vinylidene Chloride MSDS: irritation, symptoms of drunkenness, lung congestion, liver damage, convulsions LONG TERM EXPOSURE: kidney damage, tumors http://www.matheson-trigas.com/msds/MAT25070.pdf

Decabromodiphenyl Oxide, Brominated Flame Retardant, 82% Bromine Minimum, contains free Bromine, http://www.grchem.com/product-30_e.htm

Bromine MSDS: "Skin Contact: Corrosive! Symptoms may include skin discoloration, pain, serious burns, blistering, and slow healing ulcers. Eye Contact: Corrosive. Can cause blurred vision, redness, pain, severe tissue burns and eye damage. Chronic Exposure: Pulmonary edema, pneumonia, diarrhea, and rashes may be delayed complications of severe exposures." http://www.jtbaker.com/msds/englishhtml/b3905.htm

FORMALDEHYDE MSDS: "POISON! DANGER! SUSPECT CANCER HAZARD. MAY CAUSE CANCER. Risk of cancer depends on level and duration of exposure. VAPOR HARMFUL. HARMFUL IF INHALED OR ABSORBED THROUGH SKIN. CAUSES IRRITATION TO SKIN, EYES AND RESPIRATORY TRACT. STRONG SENSITIZER. MAY BE FATAL OR CAUSE BLINDNESS IF SWALLOWED. **CANNOT BE MADE NONPOISONOUS.**" http://www.jtbaker.com/msds/englishhtml/F5522.htm

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Comments will be received by OMB until March 14, 2005. ADDRESSES: Comments should be filed by email to cpsc-os@cpsc.gov . Comments also may be filed by telefacsimile to (301)504–0127 or mailed, preferably in five copies, to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207–0001, or delivered to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Room 502, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland; telephone (301) 504–7530. Comments should be captioned "Mattress NPR."

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From: Holly V. Hoffman [hvhoffman@comcast.net]

Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 6:33 PM

To: Stevenson, Todd A.

Subject: flameproof mattress

To whom it may concern: It has come to my attention that it will soon become a law to add chemicals to newly manufactured mattresses. I do believe that it is our right to have a choice. What about the mother of three children who all have allergies and sensitivity to fragrances and chemicals. This is an outrage. How can this save lives? If a person is in a bed and the house is burning down, a flame retardant mattress is not going to save them. They still need to get out of the House!!!!!!!!!!!! The only purpose (that I can embrace) would be to save the lazy smoker from worry of catching his/her mattress on fire. Hooray for them. Lets all suffer and put a law into effect for these people. THIS IS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE!!! What about us! What about my family! THINK ABOUT IT!!

PLEASE! Holly Hoffman

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From: Marguerite Heenehan [marguerite.heenehan@verizon.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 3:00 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

Please stop the proposed use of Boric Acid (roach killer) as treatment for all new mattresses. The potential to endanger the lives of hundreds of thousands of people as opposed to saving perhaps 300 a year is an absurdly disproportionate ratio. **I** do not want to be exposed to any more chemicals, especially when I'm sleeping, **and I do not** want the lives of **my children and grandchildren** put at further risk!

Thank you!

Marguerite Heenehan

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From: Melissa [MelissaTC@nc.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 2:55 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the proposed law to require the use of potentially harmful chemical compounds to flameproof mattresses.

As a consumer, I do not give you my consent to participate in what is essentially an experiment on over 300 million consumers. It is poor science and insane public policy to subject millions of Americans to this insufficiently researched risk when the most optimistic outcome is that 300 lives might be saved. The possible benefit does not justify the risk.

Please remember that the mission of the CPSC is to protect consumers; please protect us by keeping our mattresses safe from potentially toxic chemicals.

Thank you,
Melissa Caporale

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From: Kerry Wallis [davewallis@excite.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 2:26 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the proposed law to require the use of potentially harmful chemical compounds to flameproof mattresses.

As a consumer, I do not want to be forced to sleep on some very harmful chemicals which have proven significant side effects as a trade off that some very remote possibility, I could be burned in bed. This is a horrible trade-off, and is not even based upon sound scientific evidence. The possible benefit does not justify the risk. It is poor science and poor public policy to subject millions of Americans to this insufficiently researched risk when the most optimistic outcome is that 300 lives might be saved.

The mission of the CPSC to protect consumers is not being served by this potential policy. Please see to it that your agency does not require that all mattresses become flame-proof; please protect us by keeping our mattresses safe from potentially toxic chemicals.

Thank you,

Kerry Wallis

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From: Heather Segner [heatherseg@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 2:22 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

PLEASE DO NOT make this law to add flame retardent things like Boric acid to mattresses!!!
We need to further study the effects of laying so close to these chemicals for 8 hours a day (and 10-12 hours for children) before this law is passed.
PLEASE do not do this without further long-term studies!!
Thank you,
Heather Segner

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From: Mandi Meidlinger [mmeidlinger@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 2:03 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Do not require mattresses to be flameproof!!!

While I understand the concept of saving the lives of over 300 people annually from fire, I absolutely do not approve of adding flame retardent products to mattresses!!! I do not want to sleep on flame retardent material each night for the rest of my life!!! This is insane! The risks associated with being in such close contact with flame retardent material for such a long period of time are numerous.

If this law were enacted, I would never purchase a mattress again. I guess I'd be forced to buy a futon! Come on, use some common sense here.

Thanks, Mandi Meidlinger
Physics Graduate Student

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From: ERIC DENNIS [EFDLOD@msn.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 1:56 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

To Whom It May Concern:

I am requesting that you do not make a law requiring mattresses to be flame-retardant. I and my son are very sensitive to chemicals and this will make it impossible for me to purchase a mattress without those chemicals. If some people feel it is best to have flame-retardant mattresses please have both flame-retardant and non-flame-retardant mattresses produced so consumers have a choice.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Connie Dennis
EFDLOD@msn.com

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From: Romana Cozzolino [cozzolinos@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 1:39 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

To whom it may concern,
Forced inclusion of these chemicals constitutes a human experiment without consent.
Do not do it.
Sincerely,
Romana Cozzolino

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From: Shadduck, Tonya [TonyaSha@BaylorHealth.edu]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 1:32 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Potential Spam: Mattress NPR

Dear Mr. Hal Stratton,

I am opposed to the regulation for flame retardant mattresses without scientific proof that the chemicals in the new mattresses will not have a harmful effect on me and my family; particularly since we will be breathing in those chemicals at close range for many hours during the night.

I urge you to stop the plans for this requirement and follow the recommendations of your health sciences division to do more study on this matter before making a potentially harmful decision with irrevocably negative health consequences.

Respectfully,
Tonya Dougal
Rowlett, Texas

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From: john r munden [jmunden1@cox.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 1:24 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: toxic mattresses

To whomever;
Adding a bunch of toxic chemicals to the mattresses of everyone is somewhat akin to adding toxic flourides to our drinking water - of value to a very few and harmful to the very , very many. Leave the toxins out of the mattresses - pure utter nonsence especially when it risks of the health of millions of adults and children.
Dr. John R Munden