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Subject: Meeting with John Galbreath on his Petition for a mandatory requirement for child restraint systems

Date: April 6, 2000

Place: Room 724, CPSC Headquarters

Source: Walt A. Sanders, COAB

CPSC Reps: Ann Brown, Chairman
Walt Sanders, Counselor to the Chairman

Other Reps: John Galbreath, Petitioner

Summary: Mr. Galbreath indicated that he wanted the CPSC to initiate a mandatory rule requiring that the buckles used to fasten child restraint systems in various consumer products meet a child-resistance performance standard. He stated the lack of such a standard has been a major factor in causing injuries when children fall from products such as shopping carts, high chairs, strollers, changing stations and other products. He presented statistical information obtained from CPSC's NEISS system, as well as several other anecdotal sources, to support his claim. He indicated that he had already met with the CPSC technical staff, but felt a meeting with the Chairman and Commissioners was also necessary. Mr. Galbreath indicated he was disappointed with the responsiveness of ASTM to his concerns. He also indicated he had obtained the support of the SafeKids Coalition for his Petition. Mr. Galbreath also presented a "child-resistant" buckle he had developed and patented, but it was not his intent that he had a financial or proprietary interest in promoting and marketing his child-restraint system. We informed Mr. Galbreath that the CPSC technical staff was evaluating the possibility of undertaking a broad review of the effectiveness of child restraint systems (related to non-automotive related consumer products) and that his Petition would be considered and evaluated in view of that effort.