

**U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission  
LOG OF MEETING**

CPSC/OFFICE OF  
THE SECRETARY

**SUBJECT:** Petition to require better buckles on child restraint systems

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**DATE OF MEETING:** April 6, 2000

**LOG ENTRY SOURCE:** Pamela L. Weller

**DATE OF LOG ENTRY:** April 11, 2000

**LOCATION:** Conference room, suite 725

**CPSC ATTENDEE(S):** Commissioner Thomas H. Moore; Pamela L. Weller,  
Counsel to Commissioner

**NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S):** John Galbreath; Russ Butson, Senior Engineer with  
Evenflo Company, Inc.

**SUMMARY OF MEETING:** Mr. Galbreath has petitioned the Commission with regard to making child restraint systems on children's products such as strollers, more child-resistant, particularly the buckle. He told the Commissioner that his own children were adept at opening the buckles and that everyone he talked to with children had the same problem. He became involved in trying to solve this problem. He showed the Commissioner a buckle design he had made himself which demonstrated they could be made relatively easily and cheaply. He also indicated he was working through the voluntary standards committee process to educate manufacturers about this problem. The Commissioner asked whether

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the voluntary standards subcommittee was going to do anything about this issue.

Mr. Galbreath responded that he had just been presented his information to them in February and they had not had time to react but that certain companies were already looking into this area and that he also understood that our staff was beginning a project to look at the entire area of child restraints.

Mr. Butson said he was glad Mr. Galbreath was bringing this issue to everyone's attention and that he had been charged by his company, Evenflo, to examine the restraint issue.

The Commissioner thanked Mr. Galbreath for coming by to provide him with background information on his petition.