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Dear Mr. Pautz:

This letter is in response to your letter of November 5, 1973, addressed to Chairman Richard O. Simpson, concerning the development of legislation pertaining to licensing of bicycles.

Since the Consumer Product Safety Commission has neither authority nor experience relating to licensing, we are unable to advise you on that subject. The Commission's primary objective is to protect the public against unreasonable risks of injury associated with consumer products. Accordingly, any rule making by the Commission with respect to bicycles will involve safety factors.

For your information, we have enclosed a copy of the proposal by the Food and Drug Administration to prescribe safety requirements for children's bicycles. The proposed regulation was issued under authority of the Federal Hazardous Substances Act as amended by the Child Protection and Toy Safety Act of 1969. Responsibility to administer and enforce that Act was transferred to this Commission on May 14, 1973, under provisions of the Consumer Product Safety Act. The Commission is currently reviewing comments received from interested persons in response to the proposal and anticipates issuance of a final regulation in the near future.

If you have any further questions with respect to bicycle safety, or if we can be of assistance in any other matter, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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