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The Honorable Charles E. Wiggins
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Wiggins:

This letter is in response to your memorandum dated December 5, 1973, with which you forwarded a letter from Mr. Charles E. Wade for our consideration.

Mr. Wade, in his letter, expresses concern with the overlap of jurisdiction between the Consumer Product Safety Commission and other agencies. It is true that the Commission's jurisdiction overlaps with several other government agencies including Occupational Safety and Health Administration, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Federal Trade Commission and Food and Drug Administration. However, the Commission has established liaison committees to work out any jurisdictional problems which might arise. It is also possible that the CPSC and other agencies will have concurrent jurisdiction in some areas. In that event, both agencies will undertake to fulfill their responsibilities under the law, cooperating with each other where possible.

In regard to Mr. Wade's allegation that the CPSC has the right to appeal decisions of existing agencies, or to join them in acting as a dual prosecutor in formal federal proceedings, or intrude into activities handled on an informal basis, he has apparently confused the CPSC with the proposed Consumer Protection Agency. The CPSC has no special right to take the actions indicated above.

Enclosed is a copy of our Act for forwarding to Mr. Wade. Please let me know if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

/S/

Mrs. Barbara A. Ludden
Director of Congressional Relations

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