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**STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER PETER A. FELDMAN
ON UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF PETITION REQUESTING
A BAN OR STANDARD ON ADULT PORTABLE BED RAILS**

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I am pleased to see that the Commission voted unanimously to begin the rulemaking process to improve the safety of adult portable bed rails.

These products are supposed protect older Americans, particularly those who are among our most vulnerable. Yet sadly, too many of these devices fail to meet the existing safety standard, often resulting in tragedy.

For too long the Commission has failed to protect older Americans. This includes [a proposal](#) in the staff draft of the *Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Plan* to cancel safety campaigns aimed at senior citizens. I am glad the Commission [rejected this proposal](#) and am further encouraged that today's vote signals a renewed focus of the current Commission on senior safety.