



UNITED STATES
CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

4330 EAST WEST HIGHWAY
BETHESDA, MD 20814

COMMISSIONER PETER A. FELDMAN

**STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER PETER A. FELDMAN ON NOTICES OF
PROPOSED RULEMAKING RELATED TO WINDOW COVERING CORDS**

DECEMBER 14, 2021

Today, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) voted to move forward with two notices of proposed rulemakings (NPR) related to window coverings. Among other things, the first NPR creates an additional enforcement mechanism for stock window coverings, already covered by a voluntary standard, by deeming noncompliant product to present a substantial product hazard. The second NPR would establish a mandatory consumer product safety standard for custom window coverings that are not currently covered by a voluntary standard.

While I support moving forward with both NPRs, I am cautiously optimistic that a voluntary standard for custom window coverings may be established before a final rule is completed, as was the case for stock window coverings. It is a positive sign that CPSC and other stakeholders have reengaged in establishing such a standard for custom products. This should have occurred sooner and I have yet to hear a compelling reason for any delay.

Incidents involving operating cord strangulation are tragic and have remained unresolved for too long. Absent a voluntary standard that eliminates or adequately reduces the risk of injury and death associated with these custom products, CPSC must move forward to promulgate its own consumer product safety standard.