STATEMENT OF THE HONORABLE ANNE NORTHUP COMMISSIONER U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION ON CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS CONTAINING LEAD; DETERMINATIONS REGARDING LEAD CONTENT LIMITS ON CERTAIN MATERIALS OR PRODUCTS; FINAL RULE

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Yesterday I began my tenure as a Commissioner at the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission at the end of the ballot vote period for this matter. Due to the complexity and far reaching impact of the final rule under consideration, I am abstaining from casting a vote. The issues presented in the final rule deserve far more deliberation and involvement in the entire rule making process than the twenty-four hours since my arrival will allow.