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STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER NANCY NORD
ON THE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING REGARDING BASSINETS AND
CRADLES UNDER SECTION 104(b) OF THE CPSIA
March 24, 2010

I voted today to approve publication of the draft NPR proposing a standard for bassinets and cradles in the Federal Register. I am concerned about including infant hammocks in this proposed rule because staff states that the sleeping environment of most infant hammocks differs from that of bassinets and cradles. Thus most of these products will not be able to meet the new performance requirements effectively banning these products. Typically, when the design characteristics are unique to a product, these products are dealt with under a separate standard. In this case, staff believes a separate standard may be necessary and began work with ASTM in November 2009 to develop a new voluntary standard for infant hammocks. However, because a separate standard does not exist, infant hammocks are included in this proposed rule as an interim measure.

Though I am uncomfortable with this process, I voted to go forward with the proposed rule in the hope that we will receive comments on whether such action is necessary and substantive proposals that will adequately address the basic design characteristics of infant hammocks.