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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Within the last year, four infants in St. Louis County and two of the adjacent counties, have died as a result of suffocation due to unsafe crib bedding. Bedding for infant cribs is usually sold in sets, which include a comforter and bumper pads. Infants placed in a cribs with soft bedding are in great danger of suffocation even if they are placed on their backs. Recent recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Consumer Product Safety Commission warn against the use of soft bedding, including bumper pads and comforters. Still, these products continue to be displayed and sold in stores and on the Internet. Warnings to parents seem futile when compared with the marketing power of the manufacturers.

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I am writing to request any and all information pertaining to infant deaths and near-deaths associated with the use of infant comforters and bumper pads within the last five years. As Prevention Coordinator for the Missouri Child Fatality Review Program, I would be interested in knowing what has been done to approach this matter as a consumer product safety issue.

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Thank you for your help with this matter. I can be reached at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] extension [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

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