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**STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER ANNE M. NORTHUP ON THE VOTE  
TO APPROVE THE FINAL RULE FOR STANDARDS FOR FULL-SIZED AND  
NON-FULL-SIZED CRIBS UNDER SECTION 104 OF THE CPSIA**

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I would like to commend Chairman Tenenbaum, fellow Commissioners and staff for their work on this final rule on full-size and non-full-size cribs. I am pleased to support these efforts to ensure that the safest cribs are sold in the marketplace and to provide families with a sense of comfort and confidence in all of their crib purchases.

Notably, I am grateful for the two-year compromise on the compliance date reached for child care centers and places of public accommodation, entities which will have to dispose of and replace the cribs they currently own. As Commissioners, we must balance safety objectives with the legitimate financial costs (and unintended safety risks) that these facilities will have to bear to become compliant. At a minimum, it is important to consider the time it will take the manufacturing community to ramp up production to meet this one-time spike in demand (as required by the law) for brand-new cribs to be available (and affordable) for every single child care center and applicable hotel in the country—and still maintain the quality expected for all such cribs. Given these considerations, I believe that two years provides a more realistic amount of time to allow child care centers and hotels to become compliant with the new law.