

29 Form Letters

Ribbon, etc.

Stevenson, Todd

From: Miranda Moes [mirandamoes@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 10, 2009 6:16 PM
To: Lead Determinations
Subject: Section 101(a) Determinations

Dear CPSC,

In response to your request, I would like to see you exempt ribbon (grosgrain, polyester, satin) and all fabrics dyed in the United States, nylon and lace, polyester fiberfill, and hand crafted one of a kind sewn items. I support the thousands of crafty moms who use these items to create products that are made of components their manufacturers know to be lead free.

thanks,
Miranda Moes

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From: Jennifer Reighter [belle2619@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 10, 2009 6:34 PM
To: Lead Determinations
Subject: Section 101(a) Determinations

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Thank you!!
Jennifer Reighter

Stevenson, Todd

From: Kate Shevlin [kateshev08@comcast.net]
Sent: Saturday, January 10, 2009 6:44 PM
To: Lead Determinations
Subject: Section 101(a) Determinations

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Stevenson, Todd

From: Kelly Rankin [bittybows@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 10, 2009 6:53 PM
To: Lead Determinations
Subject: Section 101(a) Determinations

To whom it may concern,

I am requesting that you consider the following materials for exemption:
Crafting ribbon, including grosgrain, nylon, polyester, organza, and velvet
Fabric, including cotton, lycra and felt.
Ribbon hair accessories in general.
Silk flowers

As a small business owner, the new legislation will affect our family significantly. My at-home business makes custom hair bows, and there are thousands of combinations of colors, sizes, etc. The materials are the same for dozens of styles, but the final product is different because of the custom choices. Custom products will not be able to continue based on my current understanding of the legislation. Because of this, I am also requesting that the allowance be made for individual components of a product to be tested, instead of the final form.

As a mother, I understand the need to have safe products around our children. The economic times have already put a strain on small business owners like myself, and this legislation, in its current form, will likely put many of us out of business. Please clarify the legislation in a way that will allow small business to continue offering our safe products without having to shut down. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Kelly Rankin

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Stevenson, Todd

From: Angela Smith [angelas12310@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 10, 2009 7:02 PM
To: Lead Determinations
Subject: Section 101(a) Determinations

Dear CPSC,

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Thank you,
Angela Smith

Stevenson, Todd

From: Lisa Armitage [katherineskloset@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 10, 2009 7:03 PM
To: Lead Determinations
Subject: Section 101(a) Determinations

Dear CPSC,

In response to your request, I would like to see you exempt ribbon (grosgrain, polyester, satin) and all fabrics dyed in the United States, nylon and lace, polyester fiberfill, and hand crafted one of a kind sewn items. I support the thousands of crafty moms who use these items to create products that are made of components their manufacturers know to be lead free.

Sincerely,
Lisa Armitage

Stevenson, Todd

From: Kathleen Schulz [kathleen_a_schulz@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 10, 2009 7:13 PM
To: Lead Determinations
Subject: Section 101(a) Determinations

Dear CPSC,

In response to your request, I would like to see you exempt ribbon (grosgrain, polyester, satin) and all fabrics dyed in the United States, nylon and lace, polyester fiberfill, and hand crafted one of a kind sewn items. I support the thousands of crafty moms who use these items to create products that are made of components their manufacturers know to be lead free.

This is damaging the entrepreneurial spirit of our country and unfair to the small businesses of America.

Thank you -- Kathleen Schulz

Stevenson, Todd

From: Rebecca Morris [hermione@poohapelli.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 10, 2009 7:43 PM
To: Lead Determinations
Subject: Section 101(a) Determinations.

Dear CPSC,

In response to your request, I would like to see you exempt ribbon (grosgrain, polyester, satin) and all fabrics dyed in the United States, nylon and lace, polyester fiberfill, and hand crafted one of a kind sewn items. I support the thousands of crafty moms who use these items to create products that are made of components their manufacturers know to be lead free.

Stevenson, Todd

From: Andrea Elmer [azelmer1@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 10, 2009 7:48 PM
To: Lead Determinations
Subject: Section 101(a) Determinations

Dear CPSC,

In response to your request, I would like to see you exempt ribbon (grosgrain, polyester, satin) and all fabrics dyed in the United States, nylon and lace, polyester fiberfill, and hand crafted one of a kind sewn items. I support the thousands of crafty moms who use these items to create products that are made of components their manufacturers know to be lead free.

Thank you for your time to this very important issue.

Andrea

Stevenson, Todd

From: jen828@comcast.net
Sent: Saturday, January 10, 2009 7:55 PM
To: Lead Determinations
Subject: Section 101(a) Determinations

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Sprucebank

Stevenson, Todd

From: Amanda Bush [abush05@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 10, 2009 8:10 PM
To: Lead Determinations
Subject: Section 101(a) Determinations

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In response to your request, I would like to see you exempt ribbon (grosgrain, polyester, satin) and all fabrics dyed in the United States, nylon and lace, polyester fiberfill, and hand crafted one of a kind sewn items. I support the thousands of crafty moms who use these items to create products that are made of components their manufacturers know to be lead free.

Amanda Bush

Stevenson, Todd

From: Kim Fletcher [kimberly_lauver@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 10, 2009 8:14 PM
To: Lead Determinations
Subject: Section 101(a) Determinations.

Dear CPSC,

As a small business consumer, I would like to see you exempt ribbon (grosgrain, polyester, satin) and all fabrics dyed in the United States, nylon and lace, polyester fiberfill, and hand crafted one of a kind sewn items. I support the thousands of crafty moms who use these items to create products that are made of components their manufacturers know to be lead free. Small business is the backbone of our American economy and I would hate to see the businesses I frequent shut down to due this clause. Thank you for your time.

Regards,
Kimberly Fletcher
Wixom, MI

Stevenson, Todd

From: KemperElizabeth@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, January 10, 2009 8:34 PM
To: Lead Determinations
Subject: Section 101(a) Determinations

Dear CPSC,

In response to your request, I would like to see you exempt hand crafted one of a kind sewn items as well as ribbon (grosgrain, polyester, satin), all fabrics dyed in the United States, nylon and lace, and polyester fiberfill. I support the thousands of crafty moms who use these items to create products that are made of components their manufacturers know to be lead free.

Thank you for your consideration.

Elizabeth Kemper

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From: J. Clark [jschae8636@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 10, 2009 8:40 PM
To: Lead Determinations
Subject: Section 101(a) Determinations

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Sincerely,
Jessica Clark

Stevenson, Todd

From: Christina Cullers [cullers@olemac.net]
Sent: Saturday, January 10, 2009 9:11 PM
To: Lead Determinations
Subject: Section 101(a) Determinations

Dear CPSC,

In response to your request, I would like to see you exempt ribbon (grosgrain, polyester, satin) and all fabrics dyed in the United States, nylon and lace, polyester fiberfill, and hand crafted one of a kind sewn items. I support the thousands of crafty moms who use these items to create products that are made of components their manufacturers know to be lead free.

Sincerely,

Christina Cullers

Stevenson, Todd

From: Kristina Kostine [ficklesarcasm@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 10, 2009 9:23 PM
To: Lead Determinations
Subject: Section 101(a) Determinations

Dear CPSC,

In response to your request, I would like to see you exempt ribbon (grosgrain, polyester, satin) and all fabrics dyed in the United States, nylon and lace, polyester fiberfill, and hand crafted one of a kind sewn items (as I would be very upset if these custom made items were no longer available for purchase due to the new law). I support the thousands of crafty moms who use these items to create products that are made of components their manufacturers know to be lead free.

Sincerely,
Kristina

Stevenson, Todd

From: Pamela Taylor [neblondie75@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 10, 2009 10:06 PM
To: Lead Determinations
Subject: Section 101(a) Determinations

Dear CPSC,

In response to your request, I would like to see you exempt ribbon (grosgrain, polyester, satin) and all fabrics dyed in the United States, nylon and lace, polyester fiberfill, and hand crafted one of a kind sewn items. I support the thousands of crafty moms who use these items to create products that are made of components their manufacturers know to be lead free. Please consider a revision to the regulations set to be enforced in February 2009. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Pamela (Taylor) Anderson

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Stevenson, Todd

From: Holly Allen [hla280@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 10, 2009 11:20 PM
To: Lead Determinations
Subject: Section 101(a) Determinations

In response to your request, I would like to see you exempt ribbon (grosgrain, polyester, satin) and all fabrics dyed in the United States, nylon and lace, polyester fiberfill, and hand crafted one of a kind sewn items. I support the thousands of crafty moms who use these items to create products that are made of components their manufacturers know to be lead free.

thanks,
Holly Allen

Stevenson, Todd

From: Justin and Jessica Hess [jnjhess@opine.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 11, 2009 12:09 AM
To: Lead Determinations
Subject: Section 101(a) Determinations

Dear CPSC,

In response to your request, I would like to see you exempt ribbon (grosgrain, polyester, satin) and all fabrics dyed in the United States, nylon and lace, polyester fiberfill, and hand crafted one of a kind sewn items. While I don't typically use these items as I am not talented in that respect, I DO support the thousands of crafty moms who use these items to create products that are made of components their manufacturers know to be lead free and I enjoy purchasing their goods for my family.

Sincerely,

Jessica Hess
7505 Monte Brazil Drive
Sacramento, CA 95831

Stevenson, Todd

From: kakenjelly@cox.net
Sent: Sunday, January 11, 2009 1:18 AM
To: Lead Determinations
Subject: Section 101(a) Determinations

Dear CPSC,

In response to your request, I would like to see you exempt ribbon (grosgrain, polyester, satin) and all fabrics dyed in the United States, nylon and lace, polyester fiberfill, and hand crafted one of a kind sewn items. I support the thousands of crafty moms who use these items to create products that are made of components their manufacturers know to be lead free.

Kelly Robertson

Stevenson, Todd

From: mbuffaloe@comcast.net
Sent: Sunday, January 11, 2009 5:27 PM
To: Lead Determinations
Subject: Section 101(a) Determinations

Dear CPSC,

In response to your request, I would like to see you exempt ribbon (grosgrain, polyester, satin) and all fabrics dyed in the United States, nylon and lace, polyester fiber-fill, and hand crafted one of a kind sewn items. I support the thousands of crafty moms who use these items to create products that are made of components their manufacturers know to be lead free. Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,
Michelle Buffaloe

Stevenson, Todd

From: Weston or Ruth Ann Givens [wesgiv@pdi.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 11, 2009 5:30 PM
To: Lead Determinations
Subject: Section 101(a) Determinations

Dear CPSC,

In response to your request, I would like to see you exempt ribbon (grosgrain, polyester, satin) and all fabrics dyed in the United States, nylon and lace, polyester fiberfill, and hand crafted one of a kind sewn items. I support the thousands of crafty moms who use these items to create products that are made of components their manufacturers know to be lead free. I think the impacts on our already sick economy will be hugely damaging if resale/sale of children's clothing and accessories cause individuals to not be able to make, sell, resell, or even give away these items 'cause of lead testing. Please use common sense on this issue and change this ruling.

Thank you,

Ruth Ann Givens
Arnett, OK

Stevenson, Todd

From: Kristin Wicklace [imkristin@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 11, 2009 5:31 PM
To: Lead Determinations
Subject: Section 101(a) Determinations

Dear CPSC,

In response to your request, I would like to see you exempt ribbon (grosgrain, polyester, satin) and all fabrics dyed in the United States, nylon and lace, polyester fiberfill, and hand crafted one of a kind sewn items. I support the thousands of crafty moms who use these items to create products that are made of components their manufacturers know to be lead free.

Thank you.

Kristin Wicklace

Stevenson, Todd

From: aprilnvarney@aim.com
Sent: Sunday, January 11, 2009 6:57 PM
To: Lead Determinations
Subject: Section 101(a) Determinations

Dear CPSC,

In response to your request, I would like to see you exempt ribbon (grosgrain, polyester, satin) and all fabrics dyed in the United States, nylon and lace, polyester fiberfill, and hand crafted one of a kind sewn items. I support the thousands of crafty moms who use these items to create products that are made of components their manufacturers know to be lead free.

Thanks!!

April Varney

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Stevenson, Todd

From: Ashley Ward [ditzyxchic@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 11, 2009 7:03 PM
To: Lead Determinations
Subject: Section 101(a) Determinations

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From: Lisa Krause [lckrause@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 11, 2009 7:18 PM
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Subject: Section 101(a) Determinations

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Sincerely,

Lisa Krause

Stevenson, Todd

From: Dusty Atterberry [dustykins@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 11, 2009 7:24 PM
To: Lead Determinations
Subject: Section 101(a) Determinations

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Stevenson, Todd

From: Kristin Basballe [kbasballe@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2009 11:50 AM
To: Lead Determinations
Subject: "Section 101(a) Determinations."

Dear CPSC,

In response to your request, I would like to see you exempt ribbon (grosgrain, polyester, satin) and all fabrics dyed in the United States, nylon and lace, polyester fiberfill, and hand crafted one of a kind sewn items. I support the thousands of crafty moms who use these items to create products that are made of components their manufacturers know to be lead free.

Sincerely,
Kristin R Basballe

Stevenson, Todd

From: Amber Singh [singh.amber@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2009 11:55 AM
To: Lead Determinations
Subject: Section 101(a) Determinations

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Thank you,

Amber Singh

24 Form Letters

Project Linus

Bill Number H.R.4040 Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act

From: Nancy E. Love
7932 Basswood Place
Fort Wayne, IN 46835

To: Acting Chairman Nancy Nord
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
4330 East West Highway
Bethesda, MD 20814

Re: Clarification of the CPSIA in regards to charitable organizations

Dear Ms. Nord,

Congratulations on the work you and your colleagues are doing to protect us from unsafe products of which we are unaware. Like many people, I was deeply concerned by the dangerous and poisonous toys that large Chinese toy manufacturers have been selling to our families. I was pleased that Congress acted quickly to protect America's children by enacting the CPSIA.

However, as a volunteer and supporter of Project Linus, a 501c3 National Non-profit organization, I am very concerned about the effect the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) H.R. 4040 will have on our organization as of February 10, 2009. The mandates for third party testing and labeling could have a dramatic and negative effect on our charity (Project Linus). For your information, we distribute as gifts, handmade blankets to seriously ill and traumatized children across the country. (See www.projectlinus.org <<http://www.projectlinus.org/>> for more information.) We have chapters in all 50 states, have donate almost 3,000,000 blankets and our safety record has always been exemplary. If charities such as ours are not exempt from this Act, the closure of our organization will devastate the hospitals, shelters, police and fire departments and other social service agencies who give our blankets as gifts to children going through a crisis. In addition, it will also take away the opportunity that our volunteers have been given, which is to offer service to these children through their blanket making skills.

Project Linus does not sell its blankets. They are all given as gifts to children ages 0-18. We are the consumer and not a retailer or seller; however, the current wording in the CPSIA can be interpreted to include organizations such as ours. We are a charity and would never have the funds to submit each blanket made by our volunteers to the expensive testing required. As our new President has encouraged us to volunteer and perform acts of service, it would be devastating to approximately 60,000 volunteers, such as me, who have been making blankets for Project Linus, to have our organization closed due to the CPSIA.

I urge you to quickly make some very reasonable exclusion in your interpretation of the law as you continue your rulemaking process. This would include exempting nonprofit organizations and charities that do not retail their products.

Thank you for your attention with regard to this matter.

Sincerely,



Bill Number H.R.4040 Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act

From: Pauline R. Sobona
8209 Beacon Ridge Place
Fort Wayne, IN 46835

To: Acting Chairman Nancy Nord
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
4330 East West Highway
Bethesda, MD 20814

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Sincerely,



Bill Number H.R.4040 Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act
From: Mary K. Ciccarelli, 262 Little Road, Canton, GA 30115
To: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
Re: The Consumer Product Improvement Act (CPSIA) clarification regarding charities requested
Dear Commissioners

As a volunteer and supporter of Project Linus, a 501c3 National Non-profit organization, I am very concerned about the effect the Consumer Product Improvement Act (CPSIA) H.R. 4040 will have on our organization as of February 10, 2009. Like many people, I was deeply concerned by the dangerous and poisonous toys that large Chinese toy manufacturers have been selling to our families. I was pleased that Congress acted quickly to protect America's children by enacting the CPSIA.

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I urge you to quickly request the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the Committee on Energy and Commerce to make some very reasonable exclusions in their interpretation of the law as they continue their rulemaking process. This would include exempting nonprofit organizations and charities who do not retail their products.

Thank you for your attention with regard to this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary K. Ciccarelli

Bill Number H.R.4040 Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act

From: Karen Feltner 169 Alex Smith Lane Lenoir City TN 37771

To: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Re: The Consumer Product Improvement Act (CPSIA) clarification regarding charities requested

Dear U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission,

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

I urge you, the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and the Committee on Energy and Commerce to make some very reasonable exclusions in their interpretation of the law as they continue their rulemaking process. This would include exempting nonprofit organizations and charities who do not retail their products.

Thank you for your attention with regard to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Feltner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'K'.

Bill Number H.R.4040 Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act
From: Brenda Melton
334 Rome Rd.
Lancing, TN 37770

SECRETARY
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

2009 FEB -3 A 10:37

To: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
4330 East West Highway
Bethesda, MD 20814

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To Whom It May Concern

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Sincerely,


Brenda Melton

Through personal experience I have witnessed how comforting these blankets are!

My mother-in-law was hospitalized on the oncology floor at Park West Hospital in Knoxville, TN. If you have any experience with this floor it is kept exceptionally cool. A Linus Project volunteer gave three huge lawn bags full of these blankets. The blankets were distributed to the patients, their family, as well as personal sitters and staff. How comforting to snuggle under a blanket with your love ones at such a delicate time.

Young, under privileged mothers receiving beautiful warm handmade blankets, mitten and cap sets, buntings and lay-outs to wrap their child in.

Residents in a nursing home receiving colorful shawls and blankets to stay warm and cozy while they are up and about their daily activities, visiting, or playing games.

Beautiful warm blessings made by caring people....the gift that lasts a life time....we need to see that it continues to "warm body and soul".

January 31, 2009

**Acting Chairman Nancy Nord
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
4330 East West Highway
Bethesda, MD 20814**

**Re: Bill Number H.R. 4040, Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) -
clarification regarding charities requested**

Dear Acting Chairman Nord:

As a volunteer and supporter of Project Linus, a 501c3 National Non-profit organization, I am very concerned about the effect the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) H.R. 4040 will have on our organization as of February 10, 2009. Like many people, I was deeply concerned by the dangerous and poisonous toys that large Chinese toy manufacturers have been selling to our families. I was pleased that Congress acted quickly to protect America's children by enacting the CPSIA.

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Project Linus does not sell its blankets. They are all given as gifts to children ages 0-18. We are the consumer and not a retailer or seller. However, the current wording in the CPSIA can be interpreted to include organizations such as ours. We are a charity and would never have the funds to submit each blanket made by our volunteers to the expensive testing required. As our new President has encouraged us to volunteer and perform acts of service, it would be devastating to approximately 60,000 volunteers such as myself who have been making blankets for Project Linus, to have our organization closed due to the CPSIA.

I urge you to quickly request the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the Committee on Energy and Commerce to make some very reasonable exclusion in their interpretation of the law as they continue their rulemaking process. This would include exempting nonprofit organizations and charities that do not retail their products.

Thank you for your attention with regard to this matter.

Sincerely,



**Joyce Pickett
4508 Blum Drive
Fort Wayne IN 46835**

*Charity G. Irwin
201 Castlewood Avenue
Dayton, OH 45405*

**RE: CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY IMPROVEMENT ACT BILL NUMBER (CPSIA) H.R. 4040
CLARIFICATION REGARDING CHARITIES**

As a volunteer and supporter of Project Linus, a 501c3 National Non-profit Organization, I am very concerned about the effect the **Consumer Product Improvement Act (CPSIA) H.R. 4040** will have on our organization. Like many people, I was upset by the dangerous and poisonous toys that large Chinese toy manufacturers have been selling. I was please that Congress acted quickly to protect America's children by enacting the CPSIA.

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Project Linus does not sell its blankets. They are all given as gifts to children ages 0-18. We are the consumer and not a retailer or seller. The current wording in the **CPSIA** can be interpreted to include organizations such as Project Linus. This is a charity and would never have the money to submit each blanket made by volunteers to the expensive testing required.

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Please consider making exclusions in the interpretation of the law that would include exempting non-profit organizations and charities who do not retail their products.

Thank you for your attention to this very special request.


Charity Irwin
February 2, 2009

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Bill Number H.R.4040 Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act
From: Vickie Bear, 1902 Pembroke Cres E, Independence, MO 64057-1160
Re: The Consumer Product Improvement Act (CPSIA) clarification regarding charities requested

Dear Members of the Commission,

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Project Linus does not sell its blankets. They are all given as gifts to children ages 0-18. We are the consumer and not a retailer or seller however the current wording in the CPSIA can be interpreted to include organizations such as ours. We are a charity and would never have the funds to submit each blanket made by our volunteers to the expensive testing required. As our new President has encouraged us to volunteer and perform acts of service, it would be devastating to approximately 60,000 volunteers such as myself who have been making blankets for Project Linus, to have our organization closed due to the CPSIA.

I urge you to quickly request the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the Committee on Energy and Commerce to make some very reasonable exclusions in their interpretation of the law as they continue their rulemaking process. This would include exempting nonprofit organizations and charities who do not retail their products.

Thank you for your attention with regard to this matter.

Sincerely,

Vickie Bear

1902 Pembroke Cres E

Independence, MO 64057-1160



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COMMISSION ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE

Sondra Michaels
210 Marina Ct.
Carter Lake, IA 51510-1264

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
4330 East West Highway
Bethesda, MD 20814

Re: The Consumer Product Improvement Act (CPSIA) clarification regarding charities requested

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Dear Sir or Madam:

As a volunteer and supporter of Project Linus, a 501c3 National Non-profit organization, I am very concerned about the impact the Consumer Product Improvement Act (CPSIA) H.R. 4040 will have on this organization, and others like it, as of February 10, 2009. I understand that Congress enacted CPSIA to protect our families. However, I am very concerned that the CPSIA's mandates for third party testing and labeling will have a dramatic and negative effect on Project Linus and many other charities.

Project Linus distributes handmade blankets as gifts to seriously ill and traumatized children across the country. (See <http://www.projectlinus.org/> for more information.) There are chapters in all 50 states, and they have donated almost 3,000,000 blankets. These blankets are not sold, but are all given as gifts to children, ages 0 – 18. The organization's safety record has always been exemplary. If charities such as this are not exempt from this Act, it will force their closure. This will devastate the hospitals, shelters, police and fire departments and other social service agencies that give these blankets as gifts to children going through a crisis. In addition it will take away the opportunity that the volunteers have to offer service to these children.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Bill Number H.R.4040 Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act
From: Lynette Chowning
Re: The Consumer Product Improvement Act (CPSIA) clarification regarding charities requested
Dear US Consumer Product Safety Commission

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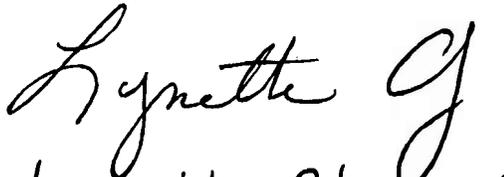
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Thank you for your attention with regard to this matter.

Sincerely,


Lynette Chowning
2635 So. 30th St.

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Bill Number H.R.4040 Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act

From: Melody Peterson
1609 Mobile Home Avenue
Rockford, IL 61109

To: US Consumer Product Safety Commission

Re: The Consumer Product Improvement Act (CPSIA) clarification regarding charities requested

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Melody Peterson

RE: Consumer Product Improvement Act, HR 4040

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I urge you to make some very reasonable exclusions in the interpretation of the law as the legislature continues the rulemaking process. This would include exempting nonprofit organizations and charities who do not retail their products.

Thank you for your attention with regard to this matter.

Sincerely,



Lois Jean
3851 Mission Hills Road
Northbrook, IL 60062

HERE IS THE SAMPLE LETTER, if you would like to use it:

Bill Number H.R.4040 Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act
From: *Jim & Doris Cole*
To: *US Consumer Product Safety Comm*
Re: The Consumer Product Improvement Act (CPSIA) clarification regarding charities requested
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Commerce members],

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Thank you for your attention with regard to this matter.

Sincerely,

[your name]

Mrs Deloris Hoppe

RR1 Sullivan, IL 61951

Mary Balagna
Project Linus National Vice-president

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY IMPROVEMENT ACT

From: Dorothy Chaney RCH#1 Box 43 Sullivan IL 61951

To: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Re: The Consumer Product Improvement Act (CPSIA) clarification regarding charities requested

Dear [your congress person, senator, CPSC or Committee on Energy and Commerce members],

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Thank you for your attention with regard to this matter.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Chaney

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Bill Number H.R.4040 Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act

From: Betty Storey
460 Spring Creek Way
Marietta, GA 30068-3069

Jan. 27, 2009

To: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
4330 East West Highway
Bethesda, MD 20814

Re: The Consumer Product Improvement Act (CPSIA) clarification regarding charities

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Thank you for your attention with regard to this matter.

Sincerely,


Betty Storey

January 28, 2009

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
4330 East West Highway
Bethesda, MD 20814

Re: H.R.4040 Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act

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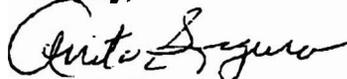
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Sincerely,



Maria A. Segura
P.O. Box 6
Clint, Texas 79836

E. Rees
3110 N. Verano Court
Chandler, AZ 85224

Wednesday, January 28, 2009

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
4330 East West Highway
Bethesda, MD 20814

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write to discuss the far-reaching implications of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (the "CPSIA"), currently set to take effect on February 10, 2009. I believe this Act as written is flawed, and needs revision before it will have the desired effect of keeping our children safe.

Project Linus is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose mission is to provide traumatized children with security blankets, to give them something to hold through the tough time. Project Linus has chapters in all fifty states, and has been working since Christmas Eve 1995 to create and distribute quilts, afghans, and blankets to children all through America.

Project Linus sent blankets to the children made homeless by Hurricane Katrina. In Arizona, Project Linus helps support Camp La Paz, a camp for children who have lost a close relative to violent death. The Project Linus chapters in Arizona distributes blankets and quilts throughout the hospitals throughout the state. This ability to help will be lost if no exemption is made in the CPSIA for charitable organizations.

The Act as written states that all products marketed or intended for children twelve or under must undergo testing by a certified laboratory to be CPSIA compliant. There are fines and penalties for non-compliance. However, there are no provisions exempting a charitable organization from these requirements. Under the CPSIA as written, Project Linus, whose members create textile articles for use by children undergoing a traumatic experience (i.e. hospitalization for a serious illness or injury, the loss of a family member, the loss of their home), will be treated in the same fashion as a factory that produces textile articles for profit and will be subject to the same restrictions and penalties.

We are consumers, not manufacturers. There is no Project Linus factory. Individual members purchase materials off the shelves at stores such as Wal Mart, or craft stores such as Michaels or Jo-Anne Fabrics. Members then create blankets individually in their homes, or in small gatherings ("Blanket Bees"). The creation of these blankets is more like an aunt knitting for her niece or nephew, or a grandmother creating a quilt for a grandchild, than a factory turning out a product and looking to cut corners to increase profits.

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We have been joined by Girl Scout troops eager to earn merit badges, teens working toward community service hours, and children of members eager to create for another child. These opportunities to teach children about helping others and the importance of community are also at risk unless the CPSIA can be amended to allow an exemption for Project Linus and organizations like it.

The materials used by Project Linus volunteers are of high quality, and will have been tested for pthalate and lead content prior to being sold. I note that in Wal-Mart's presentation to the Consumer Product Safety Commission on January 22, 2009, the retailer found that, upon testing for lead and pthalates, one hundred percent (100%) of the textiles it sells passed the CPSIA standards in the finished state. To require a charitable organization to re-test for lead or pthalates smacks of alchemy. Where will the toxic substances have come from if the original materials were clean? Simply stated, I respectfully submit to you that the same does and will not happen with Project Linus.

I believe that it is important to create a safe environment for our children, but I also believe that a substantial part of creating safety lies in making a bad situation better. Project Linus has been committed to doing so for the past thirteen years. Almost three million (3,000,000) blankets have been distributed to almost three million children. If no exemption is written for charities like Project Linus, we will have no choice but to dissolve our organization, leaving children in need without the simple comfort of a security blanket to hold.

I ask that you work towards a modification of the CPSIA that would allow Project Linus to continue its good work. Thank you for your time and consideration. I can be reached to discuss this matter by calling 602-363-9564 or writing to me at 3110 North Verano Court, Chandler, Arizona 85224.

With an eye towards safety and helping children,

Beth Rees

1331 Dennis Road
Southampton, PA 18966
January 28, 2009

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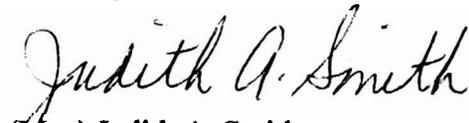
Dear Sir:

I'm writing regarding H.R. 4040 Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act. I'm concerned that the CPSIA's mandates for third party testing and labeling will affect a group that I'm involved in. That group is a charity organization called Project Linus. We work hard to make hand-knit blankets to distribute to seriously ill children in area hospitals. Project Linus does not sell its blankets. They are all given as gifts to children. We are a charity and would never have the funds to submit each blanket made by volunteers to the testing required.

If charities such as Project Linus are not exempt from this Act, this will make it impossible for us to help children going through a crisis. It will also put an end to the opportunity for older people to feel useful when they put their hand-made skills to use to help children in need.

I urge you to make some very reasonable exclusions in your interpretation of this law. Please consider exempting nonprofit organizations and charities who do not retail their products.

Sincerely,


(Mrs.) Judith A. Smith

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Re: Bill Number H.R.4040 Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act

To Whom It May concern:

As a volunteer and supporter of Project Linus, a 501c3 National Non-profit organization, I am very concerned about the effect the Consumer Product Improvement Act (CPSIA) H.R. 4040 will have on our organization as of February 10, 2009. Like many people, I was deeply concerned by the dangerous and poisonous toys that large Chinese toy manufacturers have been selling to our families. I was pleased that Congress acted quickly to protect America's children by enacting the CPSIA.

However, I am very concerned that the CPSIA's mandates for third party testing and labeling could have a dramatic and negative effect on our charity (Project Linus). For your information, we distribute as gifts, handmade blankets to seriously ill and traumatized children across the country. (See www.projectlinus.org for more information.) We have chapters in all 50 states, have donated almost 3,000,000 blankets and our safety record has always been exemplary. If charities such as ours are not exempt from this Act the closure of our organization will devastate the hospitals, shelters, police and fire departments and other social service agencies who give our blankets as gifts to children going through a crisis. In addition it will also take away the opportunity that our volunteers have been given, which is to offer service to these children through their blanket making skills.

Project Linus does not sell its blankets. They are all given as gifts to children ages 0-18. We are the consumer and not a retailer or seller however the current wording in the CPSIA can be interpreted to include organizations such as ours. We are a charity and would never have the funds to submit each blanket made by our volunteers to the expensive testing required. As our new President has encouraged us to volunteer and perform acts of service, it would be devastating to approximately 60,000 volunteers such as myself who have been making blankets for Project Linus, to have our organization closed due to the CPSIA.

I urge you to quickly request the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the Committee on Energy and Commerce to make some very reasonable exclusions in their interpretation of the law as they continue their rulemaking process. This would include exempting nonprofit organizations and charities who do not retail their products.

Thank you for your attention with regard to this matter.

Sincerely,

Roberta Mallon



Cincinnati/N Kentucky

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The Consumer Product Improvement Act (CPSIA) H.R. 4040 currently being considered in congress is causing quite a stir in our volunteer organization. Project Linus is a volunteer non-profit organization whose mission is to provide comfort in the form of handmade blankets to children who are going through traumatic situations. CPSIA's mandates for third party testing and labeling could have a dramatic and negative effect on our charity.

As coordinator of the Cincinnati/N Kentucky chapter of Project Linus, I implore you to address this by exempting nonprofit organizations and charities that do not retail their products. We are not a manufacturer. The potential liability to our organization will leave us with no choice but to disband.

Our local chapter distributes blankets to nearly 100 organizations in the Greater Cincinnati area that serve the children of our communities. Many of the professionals who work with children in these organizations have told us how valuable our blankets are for them to get children to open up or submit to treatment. Many more parents have expressed their gratitude that someone cared enough about their child to provide a soft, handmade blanket to offer comfort in a difficult time. These stories are repeated over and over in other Project Linus chapters located in all 50 states.

Our volunteers pour a great deal of love and compassion into each blanket for the child who will eventually receive it. Please do not tie our hands. Allow us to continue to help the children in our communities in the best way we know how—with blanket 'hugs.'

Thank you,

Rosanna Ortlepp, Coordinator
Project Linus Cincinnati/N Kentucky

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Bill Number H.R.4040 Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act

From: Diana Fisher

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To: Acting Chairman Nancy Nord

Re: The Consumer Product Improvement Act (CPSIA) clarification regarding charities requested

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Sincerely,

Diana L. Fisher
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January 29, 2009

Greetings from the East Clark County - Southern Nevada Chapter of Project Linus

Project Linus is a 100% volunteer non-profit organization with a two fold mission.

First, it is our mission to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans.

Second, it is our mission to provide a rewarding and fun service opportunity for individuals and groups in local communities, for the benefit of children.

Our wonderful organization is not a manufacturer. We don't manufacture or sell blankets! We don't have a factory or any location anywhere in the country where blankets are assembled. These blankets are largely made by individuals, in their homes or in small private groups. Almost 3 million blankets have been donated to almost 3 million children under strict quality control standards.

We need your help desperately to revise The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act. The law needs to be clarified to exclude charitable organizations, to define certain terms regarding "distribution" and remove the potential liability to organizations such as Project Linus.

We need your help and we need it now!!!! It is within your power to make a difference!!!

Most sincerely,

Debbie Davies

East Clark County - So Nevada Chapter Coordinator

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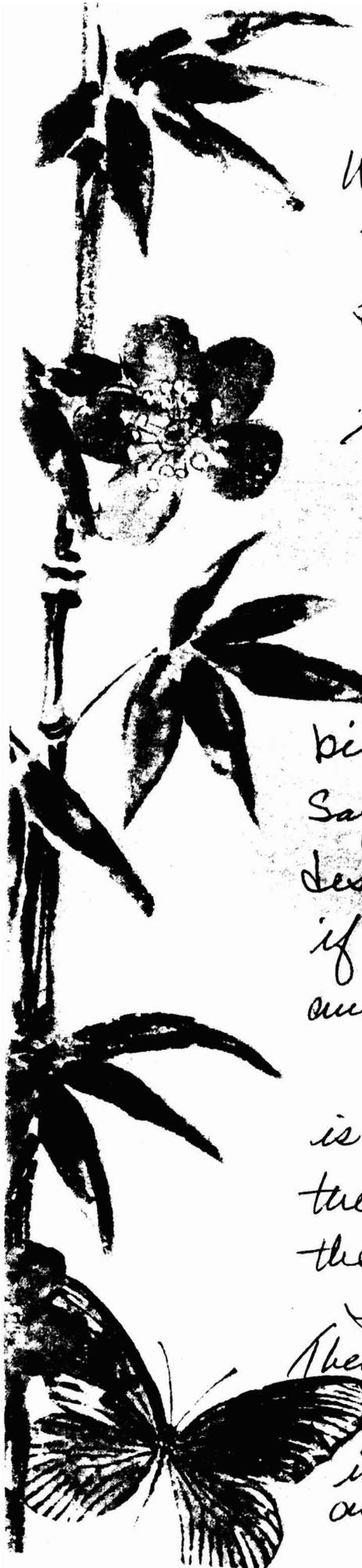
To all it may concern,

RE: PROJECT LINUS
(www.projectlinus.org)

I am concerned that the upcoming bill regarding Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act will destroy the work Project Linus does if not amended to exempt us and other possible charities.

We are the consumer - There is no factory. We make most of the quilts in our own homes, the rest are made in small groups.

These quilts are never sold - They are given to hospitals for the use of children 18 yrs and younger in ICU. Children keep these quilts and often write thank you notes.



They are also given to friends for use of children in crisis and to children of fallen soldiers.

In the last 13 years Project Linus has given 3 million quilts all made in the strictest quality control.

I participate because one of my co-workers has a grandchild who had a bowel ~~obstruction~~ - After surgery he was in an induced coma for several days - When brought out Isaac just lay there - listless... until a nurse gave him a Linus quilt. My friend was there when Isaac got his quilt. She said the spark was rekindled in his eyes - she then knew he would live. I will continue to make quilts for the Linus Project in the hopes that one of mine will rekindle that spark in some child.

Please help us to continue this important work.

Thank you
Kate Clark
520-742-1000

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