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**STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN INEZ M. TENENBAUM
ON THE DRYWALL SAFETY ACT**

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Since becoming Chairman of the CPSC in the summer of 2009, I have had numerous conversations with homeowners with problem drywall and have seen firsthand their difficulties and frustrations. CPSC's investigation into problem drywall is the most extensive in the agency's history. As a result of years of intensive work by staff, CPSC produced substantive guidance intended to help potentially impacted homeowners identify and, where necessary, remediate the problem drywall. I have stated repeatedly—here in the United States and in China—that those manufacturers who bear responsibility for the problem drywall should do everything possible to provide impacted homeowners with a fair and just remedy.

I appreciate the strong bipartisan approval of this legislation. It gives the CPSC important new tools to ensure that new domestic and imported drywall is marked as to origin and conforms to limits on sulfur content, and I will work with CPSC staff and my colleagues on the Commission to ensure that these provisions are implemented as soon as possible.