

Date:

02/24/98

From:

Amy Garcia
1631 NW 3rd Lane
Bayton Beach, FL
33435

To:

Office of the Secretary
Consumer Product Safety Commission
Washington, DC 20207-3 000 1

COMMENT REGARDING ANPR ON BUNK BEDS

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Sincerely,

Amy Garcia

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From: Charles E. Robinson
1691 N.W. 1 CT
BOYNTON BL, FL
33435

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Charles E. Robinson

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From: Gene Spain
1631 NW 1st CT
BOYNTON BEACH, FL
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Gene Spain

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From: Bobbie Fitzgerald
127 N.W. 5th Court
Bryton Beach, FL 33435

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B. Fitzgerald

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From: Eddie Mitchell
329 NE 12 Ave
Boynton Bch,
FL 33435

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Eddie Mitchell

Date:

09/24/98

From:

Henderson Tillman
54 Bentwater Circle
Boynton Beach, FL
33462

To:

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Henderson Tillman', written over a horizontal line.

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From: Lee L. Zibelli
440 Ocean Parkway
Baynton Beach, FL
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From: MANUEL LEAL

261 NW 16th CT.

BOYNTON BCH. FL

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Sincerely,


Manuel Leal

Date: 2-25-98

From: MARIE BUSCARDI
921 SPANISH CIR
E-338 DELRAY BEACH
FL 33431

To: Office of the Secretary
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Sincerely,

MARIE BUSCARDI

Date: 2-25-98

From: ROSA PETRICH
5961 NW 2nd AVE #601
BOCA RATON FL 33487

To: Office of the Secretary
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Sincerely,

Rosa Petrich

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From: George Bingham

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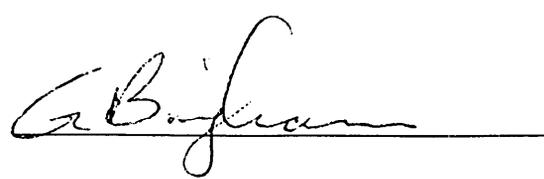
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Sincerely,



Date: Feb. 25, 1998

From: NAM H. NGUYEN
1448 SW 13th Dr.
Boca Raton, FL 33486

To: Office of the Secretary
Consumer Product Safety Commission
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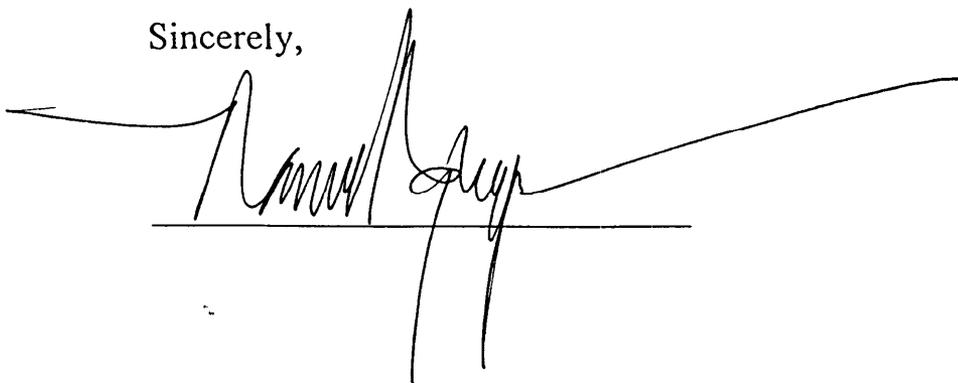
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Date: 2-25-98

From: Borris W. Kelley
1206 12th Fairway
Wellington, FL
33414

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Sincerely,

Borris W. Kelley

Date: 2/22/98

From: Judy Floman

630 TOWNHILL CLUB DR

FT. LAUDERDALE FL 33311

To: Office of the Secretary
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Sincerely,

Judy Floman

6/14/95
4/9/95
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Thank you for your attention

NAME Carol Ann Stensland

① ADD. 2360 Chestnut Ave.

Monkton, NY 11779

SIGNATURE Carol Ann Stensland

DATE 3/28/98

NAME Carol Ann Breunig

② ADD. 36 Harrison Ave

Centereach, NY 11720

SIGNATURE Carol Ann Breunig

DATE 4/2/98

NAME Lynda Rushkofski

③ ADD. 711 Hilltop Ct

Coram, NY 11727

SIGNATURE Lynda Rushkofski

DATE 4/2/98

NAME Diome Helft

④ ADD. 72 Park St

Centereach NY 11720

SIGNATURE Diome Helft

DATE 4/2/98

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NAME Eileen P. Balchrest/Kau

ADD. 24 SPRING HAVEN

Selden N.Y. 11784

SIGNATURE Eileen P. Balchrest/Kau DATE 4/2/98

NAME Gleen Purpi

ADD. 6- Wanda Terrace

Farmingville, N.Y. 11738

SIGNATURE Gleen Purpi DATE 4/3/98

NAME MARYELLEN HANSE

ADD. 6- WANDA TERR

FARMINGVILLE, N.Y. 11738

SIGNATURE Maryellen Hanse DATE 4/2/98

NAME Dennis Woylowrite

ADD. 29 Hurd Street

PT 5 NY 11776

SIGNATURE [Signature] DATE 4/2/98

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(9) NAME B. M. Kelvey

ADD. 1243 Stonybrook Rd

Lake Grove N.Y.

SIGNATURE [Signature]

DATE 4/2/98

(10) NAME Del [Signature]

ADD. 751 Lake Shore Rd

Lake Park N.Y. 11773

SIGNATURE [Signature]

DATE 4/3/98

(11) NAME JAMES STANGER

ADD. 1707 CENTRAL BLVD.

Bay Shore N.Y. 11706

SIGNATURE [Signature]

DATE 4/3/98

(12) NAME PAUL BAAR

ADD. 94 W Hoffman Ave

Lindenhurst, N.Y. 11757

SIGNATURE Paul Baar

DATE 4/3/98

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NAME Sharon Barrow

ADD. 19 Bentley Rd
Amityville, NY 11701

SIGNATURE Sharon Barrow DATE 3/30/98

NAME Calvin D Barrow

ADD. 19 Bentley Rd
Amityville, NY 11701

SIGNATURE Calvin D Barrow DATE 3/30/98

NAME Melissa Harris

ADD. 329 Essex St
NY 11703

SIGNATURE Melissa Harris DATE 3/30/98

NAME Jason Roberson

ADD. 248 State Ave
Wyandanch NY 11798

SIGNATURE Jason Roberson DATE 3/30/98

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(17) NAME Lawrence Clark

ADD. 35 Cedar Rd

Amityville N.Y.

SIGNATURE Lawrence Clark

DATE 3/30/98

(18) NAME John Clark

ADD. 30 Cedar Rd

Amityville, NY 117

SIGNATURE John Clark

DATE 4/2/98

(19) NAME Marianne Avanzato

ADD. 44 Shore Rd

Lindenhurst NY 11757

SIGNATURE Marianne Avanzato

DATE 4/3/98

(20) NAME CAROL MERRITT

ADD. 16 Robert St.

BAABYLON NY 11702

SIGNATURE Carol Merritt

DATE 4/3/98

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NAME Laurie Ann Scalia

(21) ADD. 15 Terry Ct

W. Babylon NY 11703

SIGNATURE Laurie Ann Scalia

DATE 4-2-98

NAME Susan Spicciati

(22) ADD. 325 Philadelphia Ave.

Manassas Park 11767

SIGNATURE Susan Spicciati

DATE 4/3/98

NAME John Marshall

(23) ADD. 34 King St.

Wardensburgh, N.Y. 11798

SIGNATURE John Marshall

DATE 4-3-98

NAME Doris Anne Carullo

(24) ADD. 3798 Hudson Ave

Seaford, N.Y. 11783

SIGNATURE Doris Anne Carullo

DATE 4-3-98

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(25) NAME Jaquie Rath

ADD. 112 Fletcher Ave.

Valley Stream, N.Y. 11580

SIGNATURE Jaquie Rath

DATE 4-3-98

(26) NAME L.C. ROBERSON

ADD. 248 STATE AVE

11798

WINDANCK NY

SIGNATURE [Signature]

DATE 3/3/98

(27) NAME Russell Carter

ADD. 35 Malta Street

Copogue, NY 11726

SIGNATURE Russell Carter

DATE 4/4/98

(28) NAME Annette Brown

ADD. S. Poplar Road

Armyville, NY 11701

SIGNATURE Annette Brown

DATE 4/6/98

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NAME HECTOR PAYNE

ADD. 144-32 226 ST

ROSELLE N.J. 07068

SIGNATURE Hector Payne

DATE 4-4-98

NAME SIDNEY MCKINLEY

ADD. 1325 50 ROOSEVELT AVE APT. 6A

FLUSHING, NY 11354

SIGNATURE Sidney McKinley

DATE 4-4-98

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NAME CLAIRE DAVIS

31 ADD. 9 N Somerset Rd

Amityville, NY 11701-2019

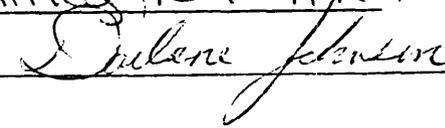
SIGNATURE 

DATE 3/31/98

NAME Dahere Johnson

32 ADD. 8 West Parkview Dr

Shirley, N.Y. 11967

SIGNATURE 

DATE 4/3/98

NAME LISA Bender Martin

33 ADD. 150 Main St. #62

Islip N.Y. 11751

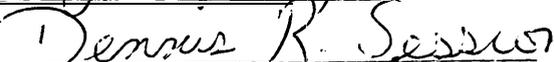
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NAME Dennis R. Session

34 ADD. 27 Reynolds St

Huntington Sta., N.Y.

SIGNATURE 

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(35) NAME KEVIN TRAFFE
ADD. 118 AVE B
W. BABYLON, N.Y. 11704
SIGNATURE Kevin Traffe DATE 4/3/95

(36) NAME PATRICIA BELLE
ADD. 245 JEFFERSON AVE
AMITYVILLE NY 11701
SIGNATURE Patricia Belle DATE 4/3/98

(37) NAME Bob Kay
ADD. 15 onyx Dr.
Stonybrook NY 11790
SIGNATURE Robert Kay DATE 4-3-98

(38) NAME PAUL M LANZA
ADD. 245 CHELSEA ST.
DEER PARK NY 11729
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(39) NAME Florine L. Jeffries
ADD. 140 Manhattan Ave
Roosevelt, NY 11575-2420
SIGNATURE Florine L. Jeffries DATE 4/3/98

(40) NAME Richard Garbuzik
ADD. 172 W 22 STREET
HONK STA, NY 11746
SIGNATURE [Signature] DATE 4/3/98

(41) NAME Betty Scharino
ADD. 44 Fallon RD
Bay Shore 11706
SIGNATURE [Signature] DATE 4/3/98

(42) NAME S Campbell
ADD. P.O. Box 109
Roosevelt N.Y. 11575
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ADD. 150 MAIN ST #62
Ft Slip NY 11753
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(44) NAME CRAIG A. SANTOLI
ADD. 425 S. 6th ST
LINDENHURST NY 11757
SIGNATURE Craig Santoli DATE 4/3/98

(45) NAME HARRY WILLIAMS
ADD. 17 ROBIN DR.
HUNTINGTON, N.Y. 11743
SIGNATURE Harry Williams DATE 4/3/98

(46) NAME JOE CONLAN
ADD. Box 3064
Hunt Sta. NY 11746
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(47)
NAME Rinaldi
ADD. 189 Missouri Ave.
Bayshore, NY 11706
SIGNATURE Donna Rinaldi DATE 4/3/98

(48)
NAME Anthony DiGiorgio
ADD. 11 Silver St.
Selden, N.Y. 11784
SIGNATURE Anthony DiGiorgio DATE 4/3/98

(49)
NAME Donna Santoro
ADD. 60 Jefferson Ave.
Blauvelt NY 11717
SIGNATURE Donna Santoro DATE 4.3.98

(50)
NAME John A. Rennee
ADD. 16 Sunnyside Dr
Somerset, NY 11789
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(51) NAME GEORGE GALANE

ADD. 514 18TH ST.

West Babylon NY 11704

SIGNATURE George Galane

DATE 3 APR 98

(52) NAME Jocelyn Brown

ADD. 38 Pell Ave.

West Babylon NY 11703

SIGNATURE Jocelyn Brown

DATE April 3, 98

(53) NAME Karen Giacullo

ADD. 156 W 15th St

Deer Park, NY 11729

SIGNATURE Karen Giacullo

DATE 4-3-98

(54) NAME DYANE HOIDENRICH

ADD. 21 Jefferson Res

Amity Harbor

SIGNATURE Dyane Hoidenrich

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NAME JOHNNY L BICKHAM

55
ADD. 81-11 ave

Huntington Sta NY 11740

SIGNATURE Johnny L Bickham

DATE 4/3/98

NAME John G. Vergis

56
ADD. 98 6th Ave

Huntington Sta. N.Y. 11746

SIGNATURE John G. Vergis

DATE _____

NAME Norinne Baylis

57
ADD. 46 East 25 St

Hunt. Sta. NY 11746

SIGNATURE Norinne Baylis

DATE 4/3/98

NAME CHUCK KENNEDY

58
ADD. 27 CEDAR RIDGE DRIVE

RIDGE, N.Y. 11961

SIGNATURE Charles R. Kennedy

DATE 4/3/98

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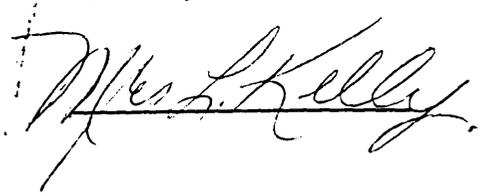
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M. Miller

Shervon A. Miller
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April 3, 1998

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Dear Secretary:

I am the former Director for the Western Regional Center based in San Francisco. I retired in September 1997 after more than 35 years of government service. The last 23 of those years were with the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

One of the most frustrating experiences I had in my government career was dealing with the variety of issues involving bunk beds. There is a need for a mandatory standard for **bunkbeds** based upon my experience:

1. The Public is not aware of bunk bed hazards:

Parents and other child care givers commonly place their children into bunk beds after the child has "outgrown" a crib. In situations with multiple children, the beds are typically in the stacked bunk bed configuration. There is no intended adult supervision of a child once the child is "put to bed". Therefore, any hazard that is life threatening for a child in this situation is unacceptable. Bunk beds, as the record shows, have many hazards associated with them, but the public is unaware that bunk beds are hazardous.

The CPSC effort to educate the public to bunk bed hazards has been limited to a black and white printed "fact sheet" and an earlier consumer alert about bunk bed hazards along with a general warning about placing infants in adult beds. Most parents/caretakers are concerned about the child falling from the top bunk to floor and are oblivious to the risks of entrapment. No parent I have spoken with to date is aware of the recommendation that children under 6 should not be placed or "allowed" in the upper bunk to sleep. This is not a very practical recommendation, since children climb to explore their environment.

The bunk bed industry has not put forth any public education efforts about the safe use of their product. I urge that the mandatory standard require permanent warning labels that warn about bunk bed hazards and use graphics to illustrate the hazards so that comprehending written English language would not be necessary to understand the hazards.

2. The Voluntary Standard is inadequate:

I was shocked to learn that there have been 3 deaths involving bunks beds that comply with the current voluntary standard, **and** the industry has not even scheduled any meetings to consider changes to the standard that would correct these identified deficiencies!

A mandatory standard is needed that would require a full size guardrail on both sides of the upper bunk and prohibit openings accessible to young children that could be head first or feet first entrapment hazards. Further, a full length guardrail should be required for the wall side of the lower bunk. Four (4) entrapment deaths have been identified for the lower bunk where a child's torso slipped between the wall and the mattress. There have undoubtedly been many more deaths, but due to the lack of detail on death certificates, many of the lower bunk entrapment deaths cannot be identified.

3. Identification of Importers/Distributors/Retailers:

There have been large numbers of bunk bed recalls over the years for a variety of hazards. It was almost impossible to identify the producers of the bunk beds involved in many of these recalls. It is my opinion that many of the bunk bed producers did not want to be able to be identified. Others did not consider themselves responsible because they were importers of the defective bunk beds and in their view were merely selling something someone else had produced.

It is very important that the mandatory standard require clear and permanent identification of the importer/manufacture or distributor of the bunk bed.

4. Compliance and Enforcement:

The large number of bunk bed producers and the easy "in and out" pattern makes this industry unusually difficult to monitor for compliance. I recall one producer of head boards and foot boards that could be assembled into bunk beds, but that producer argued that he did not produce bunk beds in total so did not need to provide guardrails, cross ties or other safety related items. Another producer argued that since the standard was voluntary, he chose not to comply with the requirements!

CPSC is extremely limited in its compliance and field staff. A mandatory standard will permit the involvement of US Customs Service to deny entry to noncomplying bunk beds. Additionally, state and local officials can be used to enforce a mandatory standard.

5. Uniformity of Enforcement:

My personal impression of the bunk bed industry is not a favorable one. However there are many firms and individuals that are highly ethical and produce excellent products that are safe. In fairness to the segments of the industry that do produce complying products, there should be a mandatory standard that requires all producers to make safe bunk beds.

Additionally, a mandatory standard will be enforceable at the retail level. Retailers will then be motivated to assure compliance of the products that they sell.

There have been far too many tragedies involving bunk beds to permit the current situation to continue. I recall one of the saddest incidents where an 18 month old was entrapped and died between the wall and the mattress on the upper bunk. When the CPSC investigator visited the home, he found that the mother and another child under six was still using the bunk bed. It was the only bed in the home and the Mom reasoned that she and her remaining child needed to sleep somewhere. There was no identification on the bunk bed as to producer. Follow-up at the retailer did **identify** the probable manufacturer, but he had subsequently gone out of business. I suspect that the bunk bed involved in this incident is still in use somewhere and could well entrap another child.

Sincerely,

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On behalf of the American Academy of Pediatrics and its 53,000 pediatrician, pediatric medical subspecialist, and pediatric surgical specialist members, I am writing to support the creation of a mandatory standard to address children's entrapment in bunk beds.

As stated in the ANPR, more than 500,000 bunk beds have been recalled by the Commission since November of 1994. Despite the current voluntary standard, an estimated 50,000 non-conforming bunk beds are sold for residential use in the United States each year. On average, 10 entrapment deaths occur each year, almost all on non-conforming beds.

The American Academy of Pediatrics supports the development of a mandatory standard in order to increase the awareness and sense of urgency among manufacturers, allow the Commission to seek penalties for violations, identify and prevent the sale of non-conforming beds, remove any competitive cost advantage to non-conforming beds and require manufacturer identification on beds to assist consumers in identifying recalled beds.

Additionally, the Academy supports modifying the current standard in light of entrapment fatalities that have occurred in conforming beds. For example, the distance between either end of the guardrail and the bed's closest end structure should be reduced to less than the current guideline of 15 inches to prevent the passage of the body of a young child through this opening. Additionally, all openings, not just those within 9 inches of the sleeping surface of the mattress, should be designed to preclude the possibility of entrapment of a young child's head.

We look forward to working with the Commission on this issue in the near future. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Janis Guemey or Todd Askew in our Washington office at 202/347-8600.

Sincerely,

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April 4, 1998

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I am writing in regard to: *Bunk Beds; Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; Request for Comments and Information.*

B. Incident Data

I find that the depiction of incident data to be extremely poor in trying to ascertain the need for this proposed rulemaking. For example, common areas of entrapment cited were under the guardrail and between the bed and wall. My question would be: what is the entrapment rate for regular beds between the bed and wall? Is there something unique about bunk beds in this regard? Also, it would appear that the requirement for the guardrail has had the unintended consequence of causing some deaths, particularly if this involved the second guardrail. Of course, the alternative would be falling out of bed and possible injury or death.

The three deaths involving compliant beds did not indicate in what year the deaths occurred, the relative number of non-compliant versus compliant beds in such a year, and therefore how effective the current voluntary regulations are. Moreover, a cursory examination of the data in the ANPR would suggest that there has not been significant change in the death rate or a discernible downward trend (1997 is lower than the proceeding 4 years, but 1992 was even lower).

On this basis alone, I see no value to the ANPR.

D. Compliance With the Existing Voluntary Standard

The opening sentence is somewhat inflammatory, suggesting that there is something inappropriate about not complying with voluntary standards. By their very definition, voluntary standards are just that: voluntary.

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E. The Potential Need for a Mandatory Standard

In arguing this section, CPSC staff suggests that as a result of a voluntary-only situation "...entrapment hazards will continue to exist on beds in use and for sale." This will be true even for compliant beds, and CPSC's own data corroborates this.

In the enumeration of reasons for the adoption of a mandatory standard, item #5 is most illuminating. It is not CPSC's role to "...establish a level playing field." This would represent an egregious abuse of the CPSC rulemaking authority.

F. Cost/Benefit Considerations

It is not clear how CPSC staff arrived at a \$174-\$346 cost per entrapment death. If a notice of proposed rulemaking is ultimately issues, it would be helpful to understand this calculation.

G. Statutory Authorities for This Proceeding

This section discusses adult bunk bed regulation without any suggestion that adult bunk beds represent an unreasonable risk.

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In closing, I do not believe CPSC staff have made a convincing case that an unreasonable risk is present regarding bunk beds and urge the Commission to reject the proposed rulemaking.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Hume

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Date: February 25, 1998

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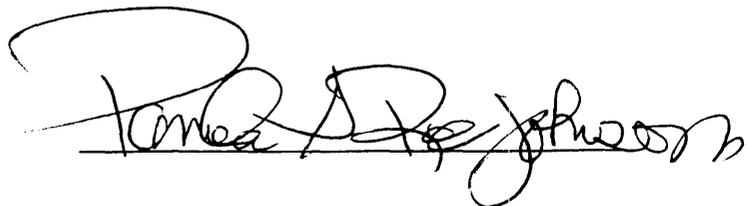
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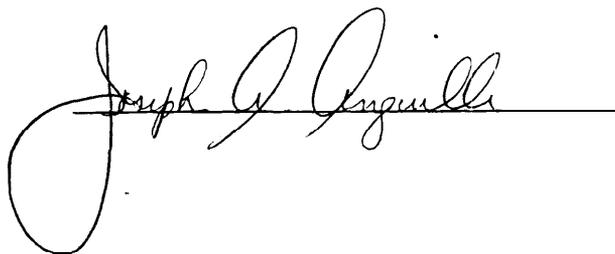
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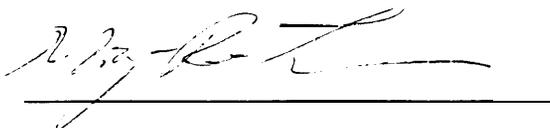
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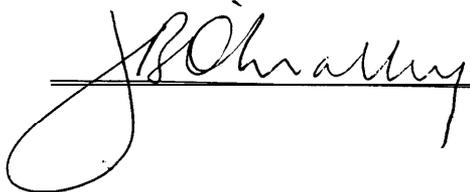
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