

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
LOG OF MEETING

SUBJECT: Consumer Advocacy Coalition Introductory Meeting

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LOCATION: 1620 I St. NW, Washington D.C., CFA Headquarters

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Scott Wolfson, Kenneth Hinson, Elliot Kaye, and Matt Howsare.

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Rachel Weintraub, CFA; Don Mays, CU; Ami Gadhia, CU; Iona Russo, CU; Nancy Cowles, Kids in Danger (by phone); Cindy Pellegrini, AAP; Kristin Mezzi, AAP; Christine Hines, Public Citizen; Celia Wexler, Union of Concerned Scientists; Paul Brown, National Research Center for Women and Families; and Liz Hitchcock, U.S. PIRG.

SUMMARY OF MEETING: The purpose of this introductory meeting was to introduce Kenneth Hinson and Elliot Kaye to the coalition of consumer advocacy organizations present and have a general discussion of views concerning product safety and the agency. The meeting began with introductions and general background of the individuals present, including past experiences in consumer product safety and general views and outlook on the same. This was followed by a brief discussion of CPSIA implementation, window coverings, cadmium, and cribs. The CFA members present expressed support for the Commission's actions in most of these areas – especially implementation of the CPSIA. One member did express concern over and stated her belief that the agency should pursue a cadmium content standard. The CPSC attendees reminded the group that the Commission had not yet taken any official action on that particular issue. Some CFA members also shared concerns of their ability to have meaningful involvement in the window coverings voluntary standard process and expressed support for the agency's commitment to quickly achieving a new crib standard in 2010. Ideas were exchanged on how the consumer advocacy community and the agency could better coordinate on educational initiatives aimed at reducing the risk of consumer deaths and injuries, including ensuring a safe sleep for babies. Soon thereafter the meeting was concluded.