

Unblockable Drain Letters

MAR 11 2011



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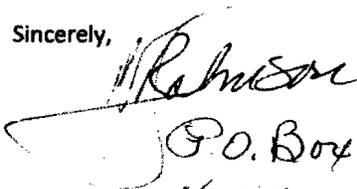
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Sincerely,


P.O. Box 11
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House of History

Make a Better Future ~ Learn from the Past

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girl's friend
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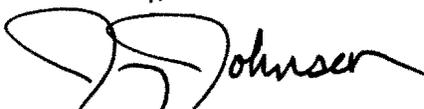
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that this darling little
girl had to endure the
plus the heartache the
family went through.
Please make

Sincerely,

Courte Myhre
4606 Oak Drive
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These UGIFR horrors remain!

May 20, 2010

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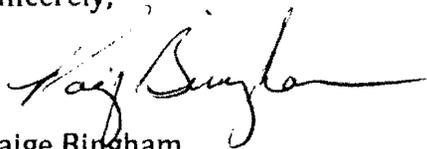
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4626 Edgebrook Place
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Christina

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sister of Abigail, 5 years old



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Betty Payh

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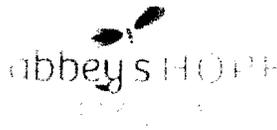
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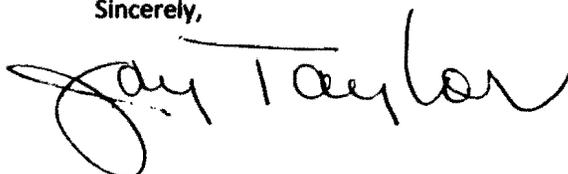
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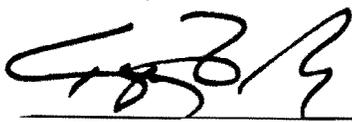
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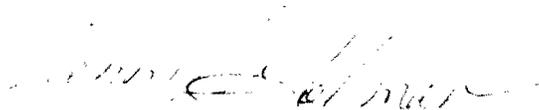
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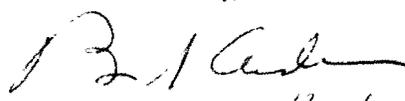
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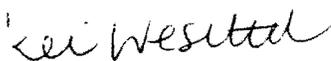
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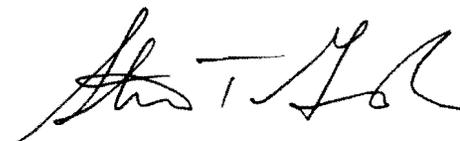
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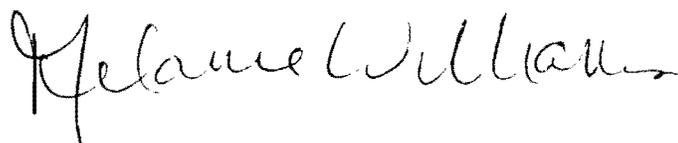
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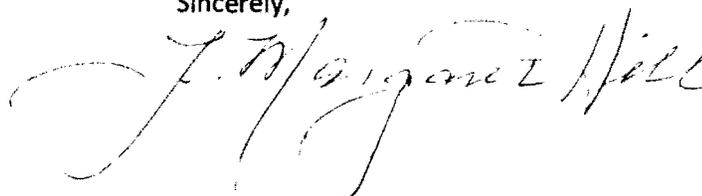
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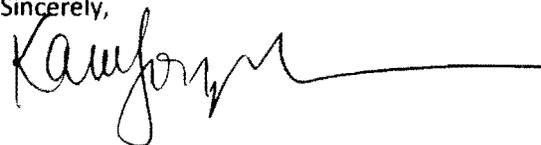
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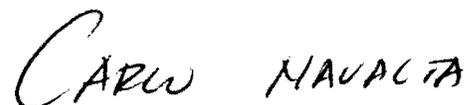
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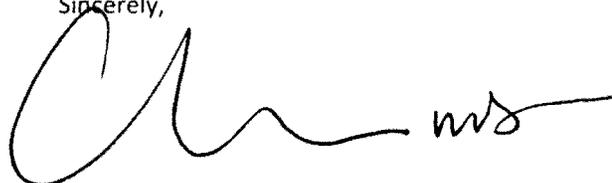
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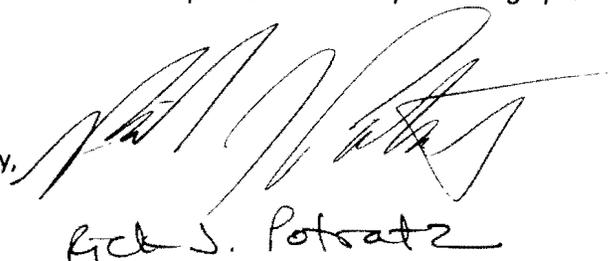
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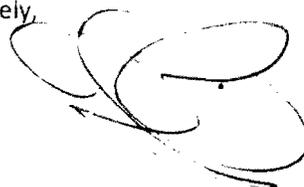
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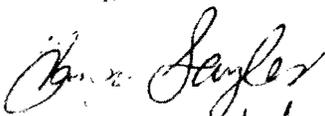
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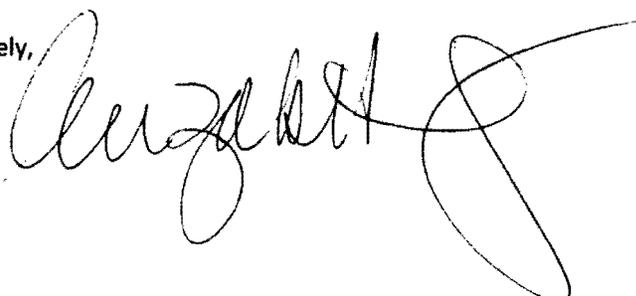
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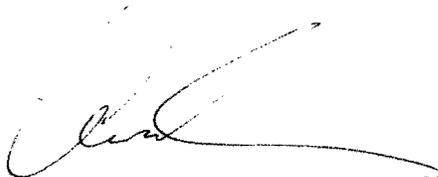
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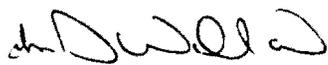
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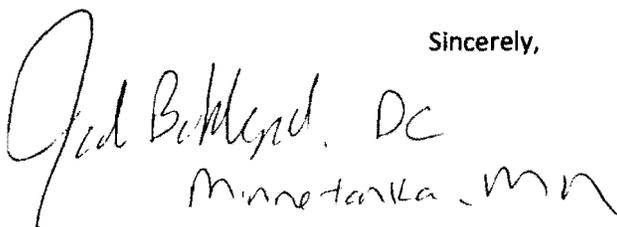
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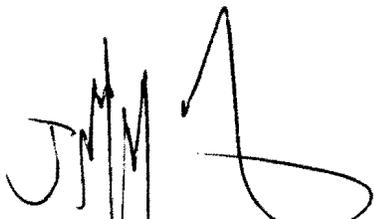
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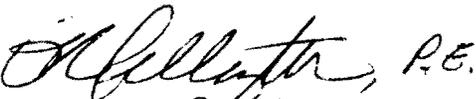
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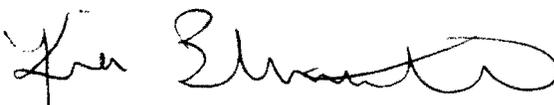
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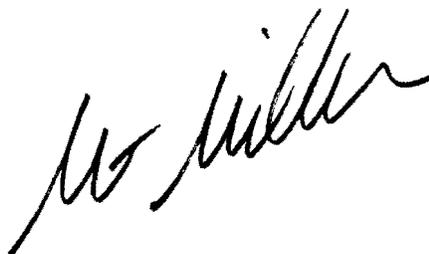
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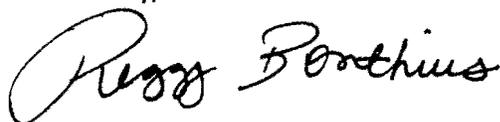
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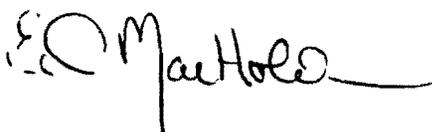
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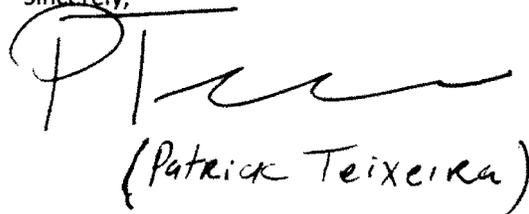
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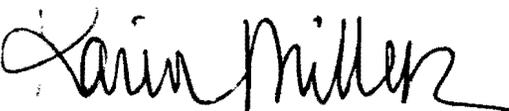
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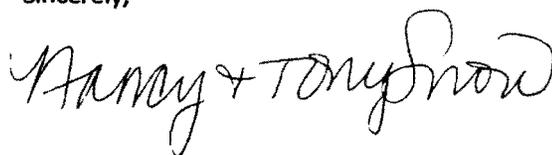
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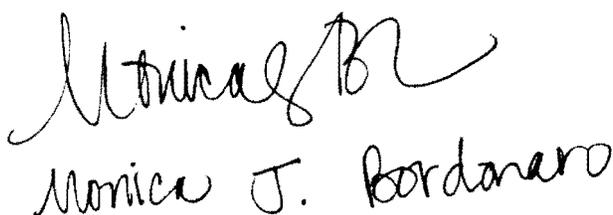
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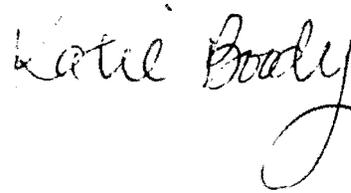
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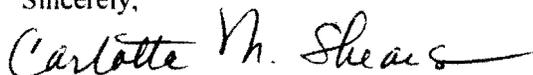
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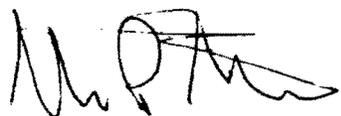
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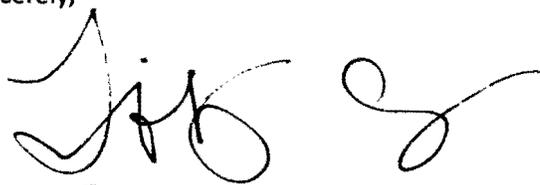
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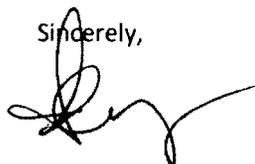
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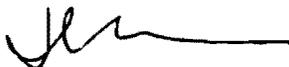
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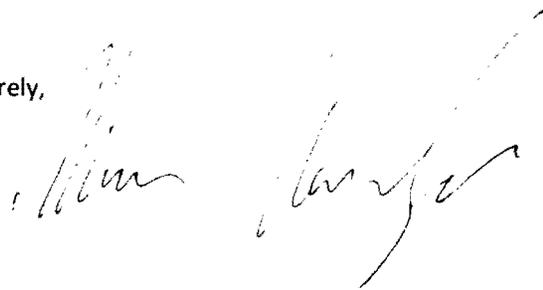
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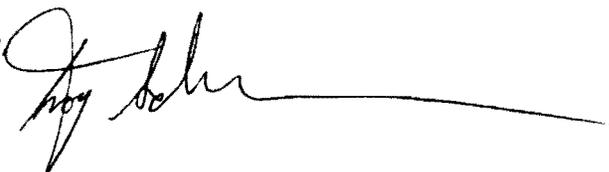
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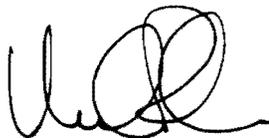
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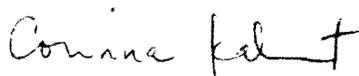
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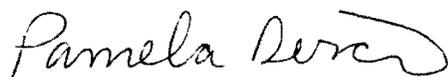
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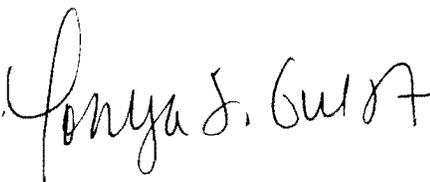
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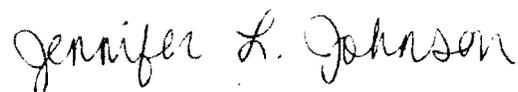
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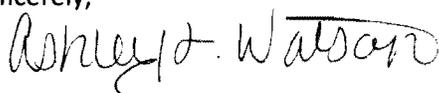
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RE: Unblockable Drains Provision of the *Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Safety Act*

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I. "Unblockable Drain" Not "Unblockable Drain Cover" Triggers Additional Layer of Protection Exemption

According to the VGB Act, Section 1404(c)(1)(A), public pools and spas in the U.S. must be equipped with both an anti-entrapment drain cover and another layer of anti-entrapment protection unless the pool or spa has an "unblockable drain". Significantly, "unblockable drain" is defined earlier in the Act as "a drain of any size and shape that a human body cannot sufficiently block to create a suction entrapment hazard" (emphasis added). In other words, if a drain, as opposed to a drain cover, is of a certain size and possesses characteristics that make entrapment impossible, then the second layer of protection is not needed.

Safe Kids believes that the CPSC was misguided in their reading of the Act by erroneously allowing a drain coupled with a drain cover of specific larger dimensions to be considered an "unblockable drain". A dangerous drain outlet cannot be made fully safe by only using an

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Safe Kids is extremely appreciative of the CPSC's work to enforce the VGB Act, and hopes that you will reconsider your interpretation of unblockable drains. The VGB Act, which bears Graeme's name, was carefully crafted so as to best protect swimmers, especially children, from suction entrapment. The Act should be implemented and the marketplace policed in a manner consistent with that goal. Safe Kids has often testified to the need for multiple safeguards; in Nancy's testimony to the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Product Safety and Insurance on May 3, 2006, she said, "each of these layers is meant to provide protection should the prior one fail for any reason. And this is the answer to the danger of entrapment".

The CPSC's on-going investigation is alarming as it casts significant doubt into the efficacy of the very devices we have fought for so long to promote. While we have faith that the CPSC will fully examine the adequacy of testing protocols/flow ratings for drain covers, without an end date for this investigation, an additional layer of protection is needed now more than ever.

The summer season is rapidly approaching and we hope you will be considering changing your vote in order to ensure that an "unblockable drain cover" is no substitute for an "unblockable drain". As always, Safe Kids looks forward to working with you and the CPSC on this and other issues in the future.

Sincerely,



Tanya Chin Ross
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Parent Advocate

Letter regarding VGBA decision

Justice, Colin

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Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2010 11:02 AM
To: Adler, Robert; Levine, Jason; Justice, Colin; McCardell, Ophelia
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