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SUBJECT: Courtesy meeting with the new president of the Toy Industry Association, Inc. (TIA)

DATE OF MEETING: June 21, 2006

PLACE: Room 725, CPSC headquarters

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COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Michael Gougisha and Pamela L. Weller, Counselors to Commissioner Thomas H. Moore

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Carter Keithley, President, TIA; Joan Lawrence, Vice President of Standards and Regulatory Affairs, TIA; Rick Locker

SUMMARY OF MEETING: After introductions, Carter Keithley indicated that he had been meeting with the Commissioner's offices at CPSC to share his commitment to continuing a good relationship between the Commission and TIA. Mr. Keithley provided that he has had extensive experience working with government regulators particularly in his last position as President & CEO of the Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association where he worked very closely on issues with the Environmental Protection Agency. Mr. Keithley provided that it is his goal to maintain an open and cooperative relationship with all three Commissioner's offices.

In response to a question by Mr. Gougisha, Mr. Keithley outlined four areas of particular interest to him as the new President of TIA. First, he indicated his interest in a possible CPSC/TIA partnership for the dissemination of a toy safety message, particularly around the holiday season. Second, he expressed his interest in the issue of the use of phthalates in children's toys and other products. He indicated a concern that the perception of the risk of exposure and harm was greater than the actual risk and that there could be an attempts by local jurisdiction, such as San Francisco, to ban the use of phthalates in children's products.

Third, Mr. Keithley expressed a concern that there was an impression in the market that CPSC endorsed or promoted the use of certain testing laboratories for product certification. When questioned, Mr. Locker indicated that this was more a perception rather than an actual practice of Commission staff. And fourth, Mr. Keithley expressed his interest in the

production and import of safe toys from China. He indicated that he was interested in a “level playing field” for U.S. manufacturers.

Lastly, Mr. Keithley expressed that he considered TIA an extension of CPSC and reiterated his commitment to working with all three of the Commissioner’s offices. After Ms. Weller pointed out that Commissioner Moore’s office had not received a personal invitation to the 2006 Toy Fair from TIA, Ms. Lawrence assured that an invitation was forthcoming for the 2007 meetings.

The meeting was then concluded.