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**From:** Mary Reynolds [mpkmary@pacbell.net]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 9:57 AM

**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.

**Subject:** Mattress NPR

The government requirement is absurd. We are going to extremes without thinking about the consequences of our actions. I do not want anymore exposure to toxic chemicals in order to secure the unlikely chance that I would have a fire while sleeping on my mattress. Please vote down this requirement to flame proof mattresses.

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**From:** Dria@austin.rr.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 9:43 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** proposed law to flameproof mattresses

To Whom It May Concern,

I want to urge you to not flameproof our mattresses. My son is highly sensitive to chemicals. They cause him to be unable to think, become very hyper, and have to take medication. If we keep him away from these chemicals he does fine. If you pass this law it will hurt countless children and adults with chemical sensitivities.

In any case, in my own humble personal editorial opinion, anybody stupid enough to smoke in bed **DESERVES** to burn themselves up and I don't need to poison myself over the next 50 years to protect them.

Thank you.

Alexandria Henderson  
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Round Rock TX 78664  
512/218-4536

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**From:** Gillison, Karen [kgillison@fgm.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 9:43 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to oppose the proposed rule from the "Standard for Flammability of Mattress and Mattress Foundation Sets". My pre-school age son is sensitive to chemicals and we face an everyday struggle to limit his exposure. In our society where chemical use ubiquitous, this is already a tough job. If my son was forced to sleep on a mattress that was loaded with chemicals that prevent open flames for 9-10 hours each day, this would have severe consequences on his health; to the point it would most likely preclude him from being able to live a normal and productive life. What would the effects be for the rest of my family? We are less sensitive than my son, but with the quantity of exposure we're talking about in terms of time spent on a mattress, 1/3 of our lives, are you prepared to say that our health would not also be jeopardized? I find that proposition difficult to believe. Since all families would be affected by this regulation, you must consider what is best for all of us. When you balance the long term health risk to every man, woman and child in the country against the very small risk of a mattress fire, which most people will never experience in their entire lives, it is clear that you must protect American families by voting AGAINST this regulation. Can I count on you to protect my health, the health of my children and the health of all Americans?

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,  
Karen Gillison  
4317 Misty Ridge Dr.  
Haymarket, VA 20169

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**From:** Gay Herpin [gherpin@vrml.k12.la.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 9:39 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** mattress

Please do not allow them to put chemicals in our mattresses. My son and I are highly allergic to chemicals, preservatives and dyes. It is hard enough to find CLEAN foods that do not have "trash" in or on them. So please consider those of us who are highly allergic. Thank you. Gay Herpin Kaplan, La 70548

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**From:** Kevin & Wendy Jindra [kwjindra@ncfcomm.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 9:45 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Boric Acid in mattresses

For those of us who choose not to use chemicals in there home for cleaning, keeping insects away, or for not wanting it on our foods you are not giving us that choose. If you make this law go into affect you will hurt the families that believe in chemical free environments. We have three children that are chemical sensitive and we have just been able to live with these children after getting rid of all the chemicals in our food, cleaning supplies and household products. You shouldn't make it a law on all mattress, we should still be able to have a right to choose if we want a mattress with chemicals or not. We see it that it's not worth the risk to expose our children to. For those of you that think we are over exaggerating, then I tell you to come live with our children when they have been exposed to this and you can't reason with them, talk with them and they are bouncing off the walls and about ready to fly through the roof of our home. If it was your child that you were concerned about you wouldn't be pushing this so fast. Put yourself in our shoes for a moment and think a little before you take this step. You need to take the consideration for all of the children/adults that are chemically sensitive.

Wendy Jindra  
Pilger, NE

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**From:** Lisa Rapple [trapple@rochester.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 6:02 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

To whom it may concern:

We strongly oppose putting chemicals in mattresses to make them flame resistant. These chemicals will be harmful to our whole family, but particularly to our son who has strong allergies to chemicals. Do not support this law, please!

Lisa and Tom Rapple  
120 Summit Street  
Batavia, NY 14020

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**From:** Elyse Gustafson [erg@imstat.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 10:38 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Flameproof mattresses

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing to highly encourage the CPSC to NOT put into place flameproof standards on mattresses. The chemicals used to flameproof a mattress are not tested for safety within a mattress. How much will leach out? How will it affect someone who sleeps on their bed 8 hours a day? How will it affect my children?

I think the CPSC is moving in the wrong direction here. How many folks are truly affected by mattresses catching on fire? It seems extremely possible that MORE people would be effected by the chemicals which would need to be placed in a mattress than the number of people affected by fires.

This must be researched and studied first. Why should my children pay the price because other people make stupid choices by smoking in bed? Please don't make my children pay the price for other people's mistakes.

Thanks-  
Elyse Gustafson  
3163 Somerset Dr  
Shaker Heights OH 44122

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**From:** Eileen Landies [eblandies@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 6:05 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** mattress NPR

Please do not approve of putting chemicals into our mattresses. I did not and will not give informed consent to your grand experiment exposing my family to these toxic chemicals.

Eileen Landies

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**From:** Debra Roy [debraroy@eastlink.ca]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 6:20 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.

I have read that you intend to make it law that all mattresses are treated with flame retardant chemicals that have no been studied on humans for this kind of exposure. This is irresponsible. Are you willing to take that chance with your own childrens future. Be responsible and study this matter thoroughly before passing this law. Profits can be deferred. Health cannot.

Sincerely  
A concerned consumer

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*Mathew 188*

**From:** heferr@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 6:25 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress flammability

Good morning!

I am a furniture retailer in Ohio who, like many others, is following the debate unfolding as to mattress flammability and whether to embrace the pending legislation requiring it or join those who are asking questions. I have sought input from several unbiased sources and have received assurances that the boric acid treatments used in most fireblocking processes are not hazardous to humans in the context of how mattresses are normally used. Yet questions seems to remain about how much actual testing has been done. Isn't there an irony in the fact that this legislation is apparently headed for nationwide consideration without a comprehensive testing process on the treatments themselves and/or strict guidelines on approved methods?

If 300 people die in mattress related fires each year, that seems to be a tragic but relatively small number in comparison to the controversy this has set in motion. How many die because of power tool accidents? Swimming pool accidents? With smoking in bed possibly at an all-time low, I have trouble understanding how this statistic warrants reckless, premature action-- attention yes, but hardly a rush to legislate without being certain of the long-term health consequences.

Bottom line- I want my customers to be safe using the products I sell. If they drop a cigarette and ignite their sheets, mattress, carpet- I can't control that. But if I unwittingly sell them a product that has been fireproofed with a potentially toxic substance- that I can and should attempt to control.

Thanks for listening...I welcome your input.

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Runions' Furniture Annex  
220 W. Market St.  
PO Box 306  
Orrville, OH 44667

330.682.4926

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**From:** Cindy Boyce [cboyce@nc.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 6:44 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

Is this true?

The innerspring mattress industry went to the US Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC) and asked for, and strongly supports, this new law that mattresses resist ignition from open flames. ""

If it is how are the people who are chemical sensitive to sleep on new mattresses. One of our son's has autism and is extremely chemical sensitive. Our other son has migraines and migraine induced seizures which can be chemically induced.

Please consider those effected by chemicals. Children with autism is a growing population. NBC just spent a week, 3 times a day, discussing it. Migraine sufferers are as well.

Thank you for your time  
Sincerely  
Cindy Boyce

sending lots of love and prayers while praising the Lord,  
Cindy

Let all that you do be done with love.  
- 1 Corinthians 16:14

God has given each of you a gift. Use it to help each other. This will show God's loving.  
- 1 Peter 4:10 (NLV)

When you get to the end of all the light you know and it's time to step into the darkness of the unknown, faith is knowing that one of two things shall happen: either you will be given something solid to stand on, or you will be taught how to fly.  
-- Edward Teller

Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time, and always start with the person nearest you.  
- Mother Teresa

Every adult needs a child to teach; it's the way adults learn.  
- Frank A. Clark

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**From:** The Herr Family [theherrfamily@erols.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 6:55 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** flame retardant chemicals in mattresses

To Whom It May Concern,

I am totally against the addition of these chemicals to mattresses. I take responsibility in keeping safe by not lighting candles near beds and I don't smoke. My children and I are also sensitive to the chemicals added to foods. It is hard enough trying to make healthy choices for things to eat. I do not want to start sleeping on a mattress! People need to be responsible for their own actions. We do not need laws to protect the small percentage that refuse to use common sense. Please **DO NOT ALLOW THIS LAW TO PASS**. Babies and older people do not need to be sleeping on these deadly chemicals! Their immune systems are either just developing or are already compromised. Why add this deadly chemical that can cause developmental problems? Do Alzheimer patients and sickly elderly people need the added physical strain of fighting this substance they would not normally come in contact with **EIGHT HOURS A DAY???** As a voting adult in Maryland, **ANY POLITICIAN THAT VOTES FOR THIS WILL LOSE MY VOTE AS WELL AS MANY OTHERS**. I do not want you making health decisions for me. Americans are free and have the right to make decisions. The government is in place to uphold that right, not take it away and make decisions for us.

Respectfully,  
Tricia Herr

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. A. Stevenson", is located in the upper right corner of the page. It is written above a horizontal line that spans the width of the email header.

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**From:** D Landies [landies@alltel.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 7:11 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** bedding

I'm asking that you stop the use of flameproof chemicals in the manufacture of bedding.

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*Mattress 192*

**From:** GMB5204650@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 7:11 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattresses Resist Ignition from open flames

People who want this type of mattress should be able to pay the extra money and special order the mattress. **NO ONE SHOULD BE FORCED TO SLEEP ON A MATTRESS WITH 1.5 LBS OF BORIC ACID IN THE SURFACE OF A MATTRESS.**

My husband has highly sensitive skin and the doctors still haven't figured out the problem and we don't need to add to it with this toxic material on the bed.

Grace Bender  
2838 McGill Terrace  
Washington, DC 20008

  
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*Maister*  
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**From:** Karen Tipps [ktipps@catholicfamilies.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 7:12 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** MAttress Concern

Dear Commission,

Why would you want to flame proof mattresses? Do you know what sleeping with those chemicals would do to us and our children? You can not prevent all stupidity in the world from happening, not at the expense of 'normal' people. It is plain and simple that if someone is stupid enough to smoke in bed, why should I and my children have to suffer for it by breathing in unnecessary chemicals.

Karen Tipps  
New Franken, WI 54229

*Matt  
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**From:** Laura Austin Santry [austinsantry@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 7:18 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Flame-proofing mattresses

Dear Consumer Safety Council,

I just read of the efforts to mandate the flame proofing of mattresses. I understand the search for safety methods, but please let me caution you on this one. Many, many of us have chemical sensitivities. So many of us are chemically sensitive that the condition is recognized as a disability by the U.S. government. And, as I believe chemical sensitivity will be on the rise because I believe it is linked to challenges from the immune system from inoculations that we still don't fully understand, I am writing to ask that you consider, and reconsider, and then consider again before you mandate an additional chemical load that will burden all of us in the U.S. If flame proofing is an option, let those who wish it purchase it. But, don't make it the only thing we can buy. My family, and many others, will be sleeping on homemade mattresses, certainly a step backward in fire safety, don't you think?

I think that fireproofing mattresses will only help those who are endangered by smoking in bed. If there's a house fire, a fireproof mattress won't get you out of the house, won't protect you from heat, and won't save you from smoke inhalation, which, if I remember correctly, is one of the largest dangers in a house fire. Please consider this issue carefully.

Sincerely,

Laura Austin Santry

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*Nathan*  
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**From:** Kris Vaitkus [krisev@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 7:14 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** MATTRESS NPR

To Whom It May Concern:

I was shocked today to learn about the plan that has not yet been researched fully to put BORON in mattresses. Goodness. Why? I would take the risk of a fire with my family (dogs included), before I would take the risk of developing any of the multiple health problems that would be possible with powdered boron in our mattresses.

Goodness. Like I said, I am in a state of shock. I would suggest that your company take a second, third and fourth look at this. I am glad that I have finally been informed.

I know fire would be a horrible death, but you know.....health problems can be a slow and insidious way to go too. If this gets passed and the mattress companies must go through with this, I promise that I will never in this lifetime buy a new bed.

Again, I hope you rethink this.

Sincerely,

Kris Vaitkus  
Rockville, Maryland

*Matt*  
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**From:** Julie Sites [metrodcdoula@sitesclan.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 7:31 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Fire retardant mattresses

Please do not do continue to support the new law to require mattresses to be fire-retardant. My children and I are allergic to these chemicals. They cause sleeplessness and hyperactivity in my children, and induce asthma attacks in myself. If this law occurs, we will have to sleep on the floor when it's time to replace our mattresses, or risk my children's health and my own life.



Julie

Holding on to resentment is like drinking poison and waiting for the other person to die.

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**From:** WHITCOMB, SANDRA K [SWHITCOMB@scana.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 7:32 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

*To Whom It May Concern,*

*I highly object to the law that is supporting placing chemicals in mattresses as a flame retardant. This could potentially kill millions of people. Full body exposure for such an extended period of time is essentially using humans as "test animals" and the price will be very high. I cannot conceive of my government allowing such a thing to happen to avoid the deaths of approximately 300 humans per year, who of their own doing, cause fire by smoking in bed. I believe in this case the need of the many outweigh the need of the few.*

*Sandy Whitcomb  
swhitcomb@scana.com  
843-832-9932*

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**From:** J. Crow [gocrow@worldnet.att.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 1:40 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** please don't poison my children!!!

In this country of free choice, should we not be able to decide if we want our families exposed to the toxins by which we kill nasty roaches?

I understand the logic, though question it, of making mattresses flame retardant. However, for those of us whom have no flames near our bedding, we should have a choice as to the content that fills the mattress. Yes, make it available to those that choose to smoke in bed, but make it also available for those whom have sensitivities to chemicals and dyes.

Thank you.

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**From:** Shari Bauer [ssbauer@ameritech.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 1:36 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to say that I am against the new flameproof mattress law. I am greatly concerned about the roach killer/boric acid being required by law in mattresses. I feel that significant studies need to be done before enacting this law. For the safety of all people, especially children, please re-think this law.

Sincerely,

Shari Bauer

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**From:** Keith Bodine [keithbodine@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 1:36 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Potential Spam: Flame Proofing Mattresses/Mattress Treatments

Dear Sir/Madam;

Please reconsider putting this law into action. I have a son that is very sensitive to chemicals and i fear for him and others having to sleep for 8-10 hours on and near hazardous chemicals. Please reconsider this law!!!!

Constance A. Bodine  
Concerned Mother  
149 Highland Street  
Marlborough, MA 01752  
5084855997

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**From:** SherilCarey@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 1:32 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** mattress law?

If it is true that there is a new law proposed to require mattress to be made flame resistant, I must voice strong opposition. Please read these excerpts that I strongly agree with:

<It makes no sense to expose 300 million people to even 'low risk,' to optimistically save 300 from fire.

<We know the chemicals used to flameproof mattresses are very poisonous. A large amount of these chemicals are required to be concentrated at the surface of the mattress to pass an overly strict open flame test, which has been called the toughest FR standard ever. No natural or synthetic fibers can pass this test without added chemicals.

<It is an example of government gone crazy with overregulation, without an act of Congress.

for the whole article that these comments were taken from go to:

<http://www.peopleforcleanbeds.org/>

Thank-you,  
Sheril Carey

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**From:** Wanda Rice [WandaRice@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 1:30 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Opposed to the flame proof mattress law

It would seem that in a democracy one should have the choice of whether or not to sleep on a chemical laden mattress. When I heard about the proposed law to require all mattresses to be impregnated with "fire retardant" chemicals I was outraged. Undoubtedly this may be something that some people would like to have, but those of us who do not should have a choice. I find that my efforts the use more natural foods and products for my family are being continually undermined by industry and a government that is supposed to be looking out for my interests. Further more, it would seem that the government would have learned a lesson or two from recent drug companies' experiences and not rush to force untested chemical usage onto an unsuspecting public. Please do the fair thing.....give Americans a choice and do not pass the mandatory mattress chemical law.

Wanda Rice  
Haverhill, MA

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**From:** Kellie Boyden [kboyden@canalwin.k12.oh.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 1:28 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

Please do not make it mandatory to add further flame retardants to mattresses. There has not been sufficient research to support that this is not harmful to people. We bombard our bodies with chemicals in all aspects of our life. I don't want to sleep on more of them all night long. PEOPLE SHOULD BE GIVEN CHOICES. Why can't there be an option for people to buy a mattress with additional chemicals IF THEY WANT IT? Don't impose this on people who do not want it.

Kellie Boyden  
1598 Marietta Road  
Lancaster, Oh 43130

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**From:** Diaz Family [diazfam88@min.midco.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 1:26 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Flameproof mattresses

To whom it may concern,

I make it a rule not to knowingly surround myself with hazardous chemicals. It greatly disturbs me to think that these could be included in our mattresses in the form of roach killer. A large part of our population has Asthma, allergies and other breathing complications. It is no stretch of the imagination to say that you could be SUED by these individuals, myself included, when there is a detrimental effect to our health. If your BOTTOM LINE concerns you do not add this to any mattresses.

Melody Diaz

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**From:** Kat & Rob [wolfpack22@gci.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 10:24 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** chemicals in mattresses

I definately do NOT want any more chemicals in our mattresses. My family already suffers from skin irritations, allergies and asthma. PLEASE don't make us suffer any more than we already are.

Sincerely,  
Kathy L. Steiner  
wolfpack22@gci.net

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**From:** Jane L Kelley [janelkelley@juno.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 1:17 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

Stop the law that would require chemicals to be put into mattresses. Why subject everyone to this kind of slow poisoning?

Jane Kelley

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**From:** Ivan and Sarah [schwarz13@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 1:17 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Flame Retardant Mattress Proposed Law

I am shocked and horrified at the proposed legislation permitting the inclusion of toxic chemicals into new mattresses to save a few who choose to smoke in bed, a highly unsafe practice. Haven't our years of producing flame retardant clothing only to find that it damages our childrens' developing bodies taught us not to tread lightly when adding synthetic chemical compounds into natural fibers that we have close to our bodies? I urge the CPSC to look past the lobbyists and whomever else is pushing this dangerous legislation to strongly think about the implications 10 or 20 years down the line when we see a rise in new cancers and deadly diseases as a result of this law.

Strongly against flame retardants in Olympia, Washington,  
Sarah Schwarz

**From:** bethann.richard@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 1:14 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

This is crazy!!!!!! The only thing in the world with proven efficacy in killing roaches is boric acid. And you want to put it in mattresses for people to sleep in? Yes we are exposed to many chemicals in our daily lives. Most of them forced on us by government regulations. And we have an unprecedented increase in the numbers of children born with autism. Not to mention the increases in obesity, heart disease, cancer, migraines, allergies, etc. So why not add just one more chemical to the list, make us sleep in it for 6-10 hours a day and see if we die like cock-roaches do!!!!!!!

Bethann Richard

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**From:** mrssfab@catskill.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 12:54 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** mattress-NPR

Our bodies are asked to deal with so many chemicals, toxic and otherwise, during the course of each day that it just feels wrong to ask them do deal with more chemicals while they are resting. I understand that each product is tested to be chemically safe but the combinations of a little toxic chemical here and a little toxic chemical there seem to have us on overload. There must be a base level of common sense that all people need to follow. Keeping mattresses and bedding away from flame, fire and unsafe heating devices should fall below the base line. I would rather see resources go to teaching people sane/safe ways to live than toward creating products that are so foolproof that they'll kill us all in the long run. Elizabeth A. McGuire DeLancey, NY

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**From:** Information Center  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 12:55 PM  
**To:** 'Lundays'  
**Cc:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** RE: Flame retardant mattresses

Hello,

Thank you for your comments. They have been forwarded to the appropriate office within the CPSC and if additional information is needed, you will be contacted.

mlj

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Lundays [mailto:lundays@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 11:42 AM  
**To:** Information Center  
**Subject:** Flame retardant mattresses

Dear Sir or Madam:

My 5 year old daughter suffers from multiple chemical sensitivities. We are not even able to go into a shoe store without her literally passing out from the off gassing. Please let us continue to buy bedding that is not flame retardant if we choose to. Those who want it should have it available but for those of us who can't live with these chemical exposures, it is just as much of a life and death issue. Live and let live...for our little girl's sake and many others like her.

Thank you!

Melodie Lunday

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**From:** Brannan, Elizabeth CPO [EBrannan@comdt.uscg.mil]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 12:53 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

Good afternoon. I am a smoker, yet have the common sense not to smoke in bed. I am writing this letter to state that I have no interest in sleeping on chemically-altered flame retardant mattresses. Sleep is one of the most important functions of our bodies. To assault it with chemical residue while it is suppose to be rejuvenating itself [the body] is crazy.

Please avoid this law until more research can and should be done.  
Thank you,  
Elizabeth Brannan

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**From:** gailo [goleary@ptd.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 1:06 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** STOP!!!!

Please do not let it be so.....chemicals in mattresses?! We don't smoke and we don't use chemicals. Kill us slowly, painfully or quickly, painfully. You guys just don't get it. You are worried about smokers, they're killing themselves!!!! Leave us out of it, leave us in peace.

You call yourselves the US Consumer Products Safety Commission, then watch out for our safety and don't mess up our beds.

Thank you,  
Gail O'Leary

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**From:** Paul and Michelle Noonan [slednoon@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 12:52 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** mattress NPR

I strongly urge you to reject any law requiring that mattresses resist ignition from open flames. The chemicals that would be used are known health hazards. If they are included in mattresses all of us will be directly, with full body and breathing contact, to these potentially deadly or disabling chemicals for prolonged periods every night for the whole of our lives. Sleeping on a mattress filled with these chemicals is hazardous to all people, and is especially dangerous for infants and children as well as for pregnant women and their unborn babies. Forced inclusion of these chemicals constitutes a human experiment without consent. I am appalled that an organization whose supposed purpose is to protect its fellow citizens would willingly support a law that would place them at such risk. Please do not allow such an atrocity to happen

Michelle Noonan

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**From:** Amy Mercer [amykmerc@yaho.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 12:48 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Potential Spam: chemicals in mattresses

To whom it may concern,

In an already chemical-laden society, I think it is ridiculous to fill our mattresses with unnecessary, potentially harmful chemicals to try and protect the few stupid people that smoke in bed. Why do you suppose the number of people suffering from allergies has skyrocketed in recent years? Perhaps it is the increasing amount of unnecessary chemicals we are being exposed to every day. If someone is making money off this, I think it is sick that the government would put money in front of the health of its people. Please reconsider putting these standards in effect. Think of the health of your families, friends, and the millions that would be affected by this...

Sincerely,

Amy Mercer  
A concerned mother and citizen

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**From:** johnski@cox.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 12:45 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

I have just read about the new law that mattresses resist ignition from open flames. While it may sound great in theory the process they are proposing to use can cause long term health effects for millions of people. No body needs more chemical exposure, there is no long term studies on the risk and I for one do not support this law. It is up to me to keep our house safe from fire and other hazards. I do not need more laws addressing safety in my home. My children are already sensitive to many of the chemicals they are in contact with everyday in the air and in our food, bed is the one place they are relatively safe from these chemicals. Children sleep upward of 10 hours a night, do you want your children breathing in and absorbing chemicals during the time they would be sleeping, night after night for the rest of their lives. No one will convince me that this is "relatively" safe. This law is insane and should not be allowed to be passed.

Thank you  
Lorraine Cordo

lorraine@feingold.org  
480-855-5699

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**From:** Salinasval@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 12:42 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

Sir/Madam,

I am writing about your near approval to the bedding industry for adding chemicals to suppress fires in mattresses in order to save a few stupid people who smoke in bed. This is a law that is insane and has gone too far. I live in California, the land of petty laws, bonds, initiatives, and government in your face at every turn.

I have an adult child who was and continues to be very sensitive to chemicals and has chronic asthma. Were he to have grown up on a bed infused with chemicals under the guise of 'we're just trying to help you,' he would be very seriously ill in the worst sense of the word by now. Living in an agricultural community with insecticide/fungicide/herbicide sprayed all over our valley has shown me how a chemical can do havoc on the people in that community. Chemicals, no matter how correctly they are used, are not benign to humans. I cannot believe that you are willing to sleep in a mattress full of chemicals where we are supposed to be resting our bodies and souls for 8 hours a day? You would seriously put your own families, your children, at risk? May we not rest in peace in our own homes?

This is an incredibly stupid idea--more stupid than I even thought our government was capable of. You have been wrong before, God knows. I thought you were trying to help consumers, not kill them. Is your idea of 'rest in peace' is a permanent one? Whatever happened to the admonition: "first, do no harm." Don't we Americans have enough to contend with in today's world. **Please stop trying to protect us from ourselves.** You are not helping us.

Please do not approve this most ridiculous law. You are putting millions of Americans at risk for cancer, pulmonary ailments and many other diseases. Do not use us to experiment on. We are human beings, not animals. This law is a very very BAD idea.

Christine Sashegyi  
1527 Oyster Bay Ct  
Salinas, CA 93906

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**From:** Robin Brooks [benjamin@gwi.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 12:40 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Potential Spam: mattress NPR

Dear Sir or Madam,

The p[roposed rule changes to require that all mattresses sold be flameproof are scary and dangerous. Please do not pass these changes. Consumers need to be protected from chemical exposure. There is no reason to add chemicals such as boric acid to our mattresses. This is an absurd capitulation to the chemical industry, showing wanton disregard for the public health. Until longitudinal studies show conclusively that NO HARM will be done to humans sleeping on these chemicals, please keep these chemicals out of our mattresses.

Sincerely,

Robin Brooks  
47 Ivanhoe Drive  
Topsham, Maine 04086

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**From:** lisbill@express56.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 12:32 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

To whom it may concern~

Regarding 16 CFR part 1633~

I am very concerned that this "rule" proposed is not taking into consideration the health of the majority of the population, that never encounters a fire in their home. The reckless use of chemicals known for their toxicity in an attempt to reduce flamability, is... in a word, jumping from the frying pan into the fire.

To force the entire population to be in close contact with, bodily and breathing in, for 8 hours something that may NEVER be of benefit to them, but in all likelihood raise another hazard is foolhardy at best, and negligence of the worst kind... Big Business run amok.

Please consider the health of the citizens of this country rather than the almighty dollar when you consider this "rule", and do NOT allow it to become law.

Sincerely,

Elisabeth Penney  
Concerned Citizen

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**From:** Laura Lex [LLEX@stpaultravelers.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 12:32 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing in regards to the new law you're trying to get passed that all mattresses must resist ignition from open flames. I'm very grateful that you're trying to make us all safe, however I don't want my ability to make choices taken away from me. I'm allergic to many chemicals. If the flame retardant chemicals cause me headaches I would prefer to sleep on a non-flame retardant mattress. Perhaps you could have the law read that mattress manufacturers must offer flame retardant mattresses – along with the regular mattresses. This will give consumers the choice – don't take that away from us!

Sincerely,

Laura Lex  
5639 Driftwood Lane  
Sheboygan, WI 53081

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**From:** Sarah Mills [smm@gensym.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 12:29 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Cc:** 'smills@pobox.com'  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

As the mother of a young child with an autism spectrum disorder, I am horrified at the thought of not being able to buy my family mattresses without added chemicals used to prevent fires.

No one in my family smokes. Our heaters are forced hot air and on the opposite side of the room far from our bedding. I understand the well intentioned folks proposing this law do not want to see us burn in our beds. However such well intentioned ideas as mandatory vaccination with harmful preservatives have damaged many children, my son included.

PLEASE! I want a CLEAN bed for me, for my child, and for all children.

If there is research indicating chemicals used for fire retardation are not safe for cockroaches, why would they be safe for people?

Sarah Mills  
A.K.A. Luke's mom

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**From:** Jackie Mygrant [AZJackster@Cox.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 12:18 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

Please do not pass this legislation that allows manufacturers to put roach poison in our mattresses! We are already exposed to too many toxic substances in our world. We don't need to add to the mix. Each one is approved because people think it's such a small amount, it won't affect anyone. The problem lies in the cumulative effect of all of these small amounts we are exposed to. I don't believe that mattress fires pose a large health hazard to our population. Why expose millions of Americans to toxic chemicals when only about 300 die from mattress fires (most of them smokers!)?

Jackie Mygrant  
Chandler, AZ

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**From:** Arnold Dennert III [arnold@nrctv.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 12:17 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

I very definitely do not want these chemicals on beds. Since being exposed to pesticides by the county I live in, my system has become much more sensitive to many types of chemicals, even including scents in aftershave lotions. If you put these chemicals in beds to save the approximate 300 or so who die in fires from smoking in bed, you will probably be killing thousands of people who are sensitive. I do not believe the public should be harmed en masse to save a foolhardy few.

Arnold E. Dennert III  
38998 118th St.  
Westport, SD 57481

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**From:** pmkall@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 12:17 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** "Mattress NPR."

As a citizen of the United States of America, I am appauled at and oppossed to the proposed law to add chemicals to mattresses and bedding for flameproofing.

My entire family deals with allergies and chemical sensativities. If this law passes WHAT will we sleep on? WHERE will we sleep?

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Langford

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**From:** jjmsmum1@juno.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 12:15 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

To whom it may concern,

Leave our beds alone! There are enough chemicals we are subjected to everyday. Why should we be exposed to chemicals when we sleep? My children are very sensitive, they don't need this! Please vote against this.

Sincerely  
Michelle Niemela

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**From:** Monica Curran [monica@technogadgets.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 12:12 PM

**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.

**Subject:** Flameproofing Mattresses

As a registered nurse, I am opposed to the possible law that would contaminate my children's mattresses with roach killer or boric acid. Please keep our beds free from chemicals—I have children who have allergies and this would injure them during their sleep. Thank you.

Monica Curran

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**From:** Lucille James [lucille@modular-usa.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 12:12 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Don't put chemicals in our mattresses

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a concerned consumer, who doesn't want added chemicals in my new mattresses. I have children with sensitivities to chemicals and have to keep a very strict and clean environment. I don't want all of my hard and costly work thwarted because you want to have the mattress companies add a chemical to their product. Because people CHOOSE to endanger their own lives by smoking in bed etc... My family should not be punished for other peoples poor choices. I don't believe that YOU or anyone else should force my family and I to sleep in/on poisons! If you as a law maker feel these types of mattress are needed then make them available for smokers, and those who live a high risk life style. Maybe make a law that says if you are a smoker then you must have one of these "safer" (not my words) mattresses.

If it kills roaches then how can you sleep at night asking America (still a free country I believe) to be forced to sleep in poison.

We have new laws to help protect people from second hand smoke and now this law will just kill us off by poisoning us. Again laws to govern people in a FREE country, to "protect" them from their own personal choices is not what is intended in the constitution. It is their choice to make/kill themselves with their OWN choice. Please allow me to make my choice on sleeping on a mattress that wont kill me or cause long term damage. I want a choice of sleeping on a safe/clean mattress not being forced to sleep on one filled with toxins.

PLEASE DO NOT FORCE THE MATTRESS COMPANIES TO PUT CARCINOGENS IN OUR MATTRESSES!

Sincerely,

Lucille James

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**From:** Kathy Jeffries [jeffries@macomb.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 12:19 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

Dear Sir/Mame:

I am deeply concerned in your approaching legislation on making flame retardents mandatory on all mattress materials.

The countless number of people that will be harmed is unacceptable. We are already exposed to extreme amounts of toxins in our environment and this added to our sleeping environment may kill more then you may think.

I am speaking of the 1000s of those who are chemically sensitive. You are writing their death certificate.

I speak from actual experience of just trying to survive in my own home. Many of these people are a "silent" minority because they are unable to communicate via writing, phone or computer.

This is an existence that you have no idea how restricting and damaging it is to an individual.

I am still able to use the computer but every moment is a time bomb on what might erupt in my own home life.

Don't take the home and sleep solitude away from those who don't have much else in their life.

Thank you

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**From:** Joan Droher [j\_droher@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 12:07 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** MATTRESS NPR

Dear Sir,

What a stupid idea to chemically treat a bed to make it flame proof. Why would the public want to sleep on a chemically treated bed every night for 8 hrs. There are enough chemicals in the world I sure don't want to sleep with them. If someone wants to smoke in bed and set themselves on fire, let them.....they are dumb enough to do it in the first place.....I hope this law doesn't go through.....

Joan Droher

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**From:** EBoonesews@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 11:57 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

I have just read of the government's proposal to flameproof all mattresses. My family is very sensitive to chemicals. They will respond with worsening of asthma and respiratory problems. Please do not put additional poisons into our systems.

Elaine Boone

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**From:** DMREILLY7777@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 11:53 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** MATTRESS NPR

**CPSC:**

**Forced added exposure to chemical toxicants without my consumer consent constitutes forced human experimentation for which I will not participate and will hold all parties legally responsible, in the event this ruling is passed, for further clinical decline.**

**In addition, I will gather as many opposed and clinically effected parties as possible, produce the laboratory findings and file class actions against all knowing participants if such a ruling is instated against our will.**

**You need to work to DECREASE TOXIC LOAD and BODY BURDEN. God is watching your actions and you will be held legally accountable for any negative choices.**

**Sincerely,  
Donna M. REILLY**

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**From:** SHEPLAZBOY@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 11:47 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** mattress NPR

I am very concerned about the new flame retardant chemicals that must be used in mattress manufacturing. As a retailer of bedding products I wish that the risk benefit be analyzed further before a new law is enacted that could put more people at risk than would be saved if no new flame laws are enacted.

*Thank You!*  
*John Sheppard*  
*@17 Whitefriar Dr.*  
*Akron OH 44319*  
*330 245 1602*

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**From:** h2omoores@juno.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 11:45 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.

Dear Lawmakers,

I try to keep all chemicals out of my life. Please do not allow chemicals in our mattress. Thank you Barbara Moore Watertown Wi

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**From:** lisa backes [lanialmb@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 11:46 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

To whom it may concern;

This legislation must be stopped at once! My 7 year old son is Autistic and reacts very badly to chemicals in his food and environment. Right now, we are able to keep his symptoms in check with a lot of hard work and diligent label reading. If this law goes through, you will sentence him to a hellish life of outbursts, facial tics, inattention at school and sleep disorders just to list a few. I WILL NOT put my family's health in jeopardy for the next 50 years to protect some moron who chooses to smoke in bed!

**STOP THIS BILL!!!**

Lisa Backes

Plymouth, MN

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**From:** KATHY WHITSON [mtymac413@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 11:42 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** MATTRESS NPR

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

I AM VERY UPSET BY THESE CHEMICALS BEING ADDED TO MATTRESSES MY SON IS 5 AND AUTISTIC AND I HAVE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS WE ARE BOTH VERY CHEMICALLY SENSITIVE. I UNDERSTAND THE REASONS FOR THIS, BUT AS A CONSUMER I WOULD PREFER TO HAVE THE CHOICE TO A CHEMICALLY FREE MATTRESS. I HAVE NO WAY TO KNOW HOW SICK THIS COULD MAKE HIM. PLEASE RECONSIDER YOUR DECISION AND ALLOW THE CONSUMER A CHOICE. MY SON IS REACTIVE TO ALL SYNTHETIC DYES AND FLAVORINGS AS WELL AS MANY PRESERVITIVES. SINCE THE ROCKETING NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH AUTISUM HAS INCREASED AND MANY OF OUR CHILDREN HAVE THESE ALLERGIES I WOULD THINK THAT AN OPTION IS THE ONLY WAY TO GO. SINCE THE FDA ALLOWS THESE COMPANIES TO PUT CRUDE OIL (SYNTHETIC DYES RED 40, YELLOW #5 ECT) IN OUR FOOD IT REALLY DOES NOT SUPRISE ME THAT THIS IS BEING DONE TO OUR BEDS. I AM REALLY WORRIED OF THE CONCEQUENCES OF PUTTING MY SON TO SLEEP ON THAT BED. AND YOU CAN BET ON IT IF HE HAS A REACTION IN ANY WAY I WILL BE CONTACTING MY LAWYER AND THE NEWS. PLEASE GIVE US A CHOICE. THIS COULD LITERALLY RUIN A CHEMICALLY SENSITIVE CHILD OR AN ADULT'S HEALTH. AS WE DO NOT SMOKE IN BED I DO NOT SEE WHY WE CAN'T HAVE THE OPTION TO A NATURAL FIBER BED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME

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**From:** Rhona Sox [rjsox@primus.ca]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 11:37 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

This proposed law to add roach killer powder to all mattresses is crazy! I do not want to sleep on roach killer or expose my kids to this. I will take my chances with the chance of a fire.

Boric Acid (yes, the Roach Killer), Formaldehyde, Melamine, Antimony Trioxide, Vinylidene Chloride, Zink Borate, and Decabromodiphenyl Oxide (Brominated flame retardant now being found in women's breast milk) are the main chemicals being used to flameproof mattresses. Many of these chemicals cause **cancer**. Some are known to be a **reproductive and developmental toxin: high prenatal mortality, birth defects, reduced fertility, sterility. Liver, kidney, brain, and heart muscle damage** are only some effects. Aside from inhalation absorption, some of **these chemicals can kill from skin contact alone**.

At the very least, further study should be done before a law is passed to flame proof mattresses with such chemicals. Really, do we need to flameproof our beds?

Rhona Sox

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**From:** Doug and Diane Boysen [dboysen@tconl.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 11:36 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

I am writing in opposition to adding yet another government regulation that will FORCE chemical exposure on an already oversaturated public. (Here's where you tune me out, thinking I'm some kind of fanatic.) Well, I'm not. I'm a sensible, reasonable, thinking human being who is desirous of a healthy environment. Not pristine, or perfect, but definitely not irresponsibly hazardous.

No one in my household smokes. We have smoke detectors placed strategically within our home. We keep extinguishers in several locations. We take reasonable precautions - turn off the stove/oven, keep a clear space around the furnace and water heater, handle necessary household chemicals responsibly, teach our kids about fire/match safety, - things most people do. The likelihood of any house fire is remote. The likelihood of a housefire, during sleeping hours - even more remote. The likelihood of a housefire, during sleeping hours so sudden and intense as to overtake a bed before the smoke detector goes off and alerts us - rediculously remote. The odds against an already fire resistant mattress even being contacted by fire are astronomical no matter how you want to analyze it. Yet, because a really small number of foolish people do foolish things - smoke in bed and fall asleep with a lit cigarette - your agency is prepared to FORCE millions of people to sleep with their faces and bodies closely exposed to a potentially dangerous chemical.

I know - many 'reports' have said we are exposed to boric acid every day with no adverse affects. Well, we've not been laying on it, have we? We've not spent 8, 10 hours with our faces in it, have we? And what is an adverse affect and how do you recognize it? I have a child that is especially sensitive to FDA approved artificial food coloring. The FDA says it's 'safe'. Not for her. But they also don't look for an inability to focus or the interruption of logical thought processes. They would deny it has any such affect. Thank you, but no, we don't use artificial colors in our food.

We already have flame retardant mattresses. Let's be sensible, reasonable, thinking human beings and take time to seriously and objectively study the impact of full, extended body contact and inhalation impact over many years of nightly exposure before we FORCE millions to be exposed to such risk in order to protect a very few foolish people from their own foolish actions.

You know in most business environments, new proposals require risk/benefit analysis. It's just the way to proceed intelligently - safely. I find an alarming lack of this kind of thinking in your process. You cannot base important decisions on the results from studies on chemical impact that in no way represent the same environment and circumstances this proposed regulation will create. They have no relationship to this kind of saturation. Because you have structured this as an all-encompassing regulation, the public would have no choice in protecting its own health. I would not be able to purchase a chemical-free mattress even though I consciously minimize chemical use in my own life and my risk factors for fire are miniscule. Your irresponsible act would be FORCED upon us and, sadly for most, they wouldn't even know until it affected their health - when it would be too late.

My mother-in-law suffered a stroke two years ago. She had been in wonderful health, had no family history of heart disease or stroke. Her ancestors lived long, healthy lives. She and her husband were newly retired to a beautiful home on a lake. They traveled far and wide. They enjoyed an active life. She did have one ailment. She had 'hammer toes' and had alot of pain in her feet. In an attempt to avoid surgery, her doctor prescribed .....

Vioxx.

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Now you know the rest of the story. Merck and the FDA were willing to ignore the increased risk of heart disease and stroke to bring a 'wonder drug' to market quickly. My mother-in-law was not aware of the incidents in the studies nor, at the time she took it, the dramatic number of Vioxx 'events' already being quietly covered up. Was the benefit of Vioxx worth the risk? Not to thousands of people like her whose lives are dramatically changed. Is this really where you want to go with this regulation. Where is the **urgent** need for this 'improved' fire retardant? Why is it needed so desperately, so quickly that reasonable studies cannot be conducted and evaluated?

I strongly urge you to suspend further action on this regulation until you can conduct conditionally accurate, reasonable, sensible studies on the risk/benefits of the addition of this dangerous chemical to EVERY MATTRESS AVAILABLE IN AMERICA. Think about the potential for negative health impact. Think about the millions of people whose health may be diminished by this mandatory chemical exposure. Where is the need for improved fire safety so urgent that it justifies this potential risk? Please take the time to seriously consider this plea for reasonable further evaluation of the health risk being gambled in this proposed regulation.

Respectfully,

Diane Boysen

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**From:** Linda McDonough [linda@chfnc.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 11:36 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

PLEASE do NOT experiment on us by filling mattresses with chemicals to make them more flame retardant. I am chemically sensitive to outgassing in carpets and new furniture. My youngest child reacts strongly to any artificial ingredients and preservatives in foods, toothpastes, toothbrushes (those colored bristles) and other items. And while my oldest child does not have these strong reactions, we will not know for years what the cancer risks will be. Please do more study before exposing us.

Thank you,

Linda McDonough  
245 Summerwalk Circle  
Chapel Hill, NC 27517

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**From:** Better Sleep Store [bettersleep@nc.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 11:30 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** FR compliance

We need to put this FR situation on hold until the potential risks of FR materials can be further studied. Some of these chemicals may put FAR more people at risk than the lives saved with fire retardent mattresses. The long-term effect of these chemicals has far reaching consequences, which could even include future lawsuits against manufacturers and retailers. Now your looking at a huge mess!

Thank you for your consideration,

John Schindler, co-owner, The Better Sleep Store

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**From:** FWDG [furn@islc.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 11:32 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Cc:** Michael Mark  
**Subject:** MATTRESS FLAMMABILITY STANDARDS

*TO THE CONSUMER PRODUCTS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION:*

*I AM REGULARLY RECEIVING INFORMATION ABOUT NEW FLAMMABILITY STANDARDS FOR MATTRESSES THAT MAY REQUIRE CHEMICALS THAT ARE NOT SAFE FOR HUMAN CONTACT OR CONSUMPTION.*

*AS A MATTRESS RETAILER, I WOULD LIKE DEFINITIVE INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER WHAT IS BEING REQUIRED OF MATTRESS MANUFACTURERS TO COMPLY WITH THE NEW STANDARDS MAY CAUSE NEW HEALTH ISSUES, NOT TO SPEAK OF NEW LIABILITIES FOR MY BUSINESS.*

*PLEASE RESPOND AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.*

*SINCERELY,*

*LARRY MARK  
PRESIDENT  
FURNITURE WAREHOUSE SALES, INC.  
BEAUFORT, SC 29906  
FURN@ISLC.NET*

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**From:** Jack W. Loggins [jlogginsusa@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 11:30 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Flame Retardation of Mattresses

People with ADD and ADHD need protection from all the chemical smells/odors, etc. that emit from thousands of sources in our homes and industries. Please do not force the manufacturers to add another chemical (flame retardation of mattresses) so close to our bodies. Thanks.

Jack W. Loggins

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**From:** Comptons Lamps & Shades [comptons.lamps@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 11:35 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

Please do not require flameproof mattresses at the cost of exposing each sleeping person to potentially toxic chemicals. It seems the risk of injury or death by fire is orders of magnitude less than the potential for harm from flameproofing chemicals.

Please do not proceed with the flameproof mattress requirement until a known safe (i.e., proven by long-term tests over a large sample population) method has been found.

Matthew S. Compton  
President

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**From:** klunsford@grasshoppernet.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 11:20 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattres NPR

Please do not make into law Flame proof mattresses!!!! Our family could not deal with the poisons used to make it Flame proof! If a person is stupid enough to smoke in bed, let them burn, but don't expose and harm the rest of us non-smokers with such Roach Poisoned mattresses because of someone'w stupidity!!!!

Carolyn Lunsford

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**From:** debra Livingston [dlivingston@ruralco.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 11:12 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Boric acid in mattresses

Please, do not risk our health by allowing Boric Acid to be used as a flame retardant in mattresses. I have a child who reacts to chemicals and I cannot imagine how she would handle being exposed to Boric Acid for 10-12 hours per day. Chemical exposure or ingestion can send her into a rampage that lasts up to 4 days, affects her ability to concentrate, complete schoolwork, control her anger, and follow rules. The risks and ramifications of this practice are not known. Please help protect he, and all of us, from chemical exposure.

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**From:** Kim Cregan [martins@nfdc.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 11:17 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

I am a flooring & furniture retailer. I have a grave concern that congress would pass a law to try to protect people from danger in case of a fire that would ultimately cause more danger than the fire.

Please do not pass this law. All individual have the right to a safe night sleep. Not just the people who's house catches on fire. Make the law stricter for new construction to have more smoke detectors or other detection systems in the house. But please leave the mattress alone. From infants to the elderly, we all breath while we sleep and that air should not be toxic.

Thank you,  
Kim Cregan  
Carpets by Martin & Furniture

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**From:** Trudi Askew [askew@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 11:12 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

I can't believe you are considering a law that would require me to sleep on a mattress full of chemicals. Both my son and I are very sensitive to chemicals and would this would impact our lives everyday. Please reconsider or only make it available to some of the mattresses. People who have allergies and sensitivities should not be punished with this law.

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**From:** Tami [tamtam64083@myway.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 11:12 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** flame-resistant mattress law

Dear CPSC,

I'm e-mailing to let you know that I don't approve of the law you are trying to get passed that will make it mandatory for chemicals to be added to mattresses to make them flame resistant. I read about it here: <http://www.peopleforcleanbeds.org/> According to the article, you know that you have not done sufficient studies to prove that these chemicals are safe for people to sleep on. I don't appreciate being exposed to your little science experiment without my consent. I think you need to realize your mistake and stop supporting this to be enacted into law.

Sincerely,

Tami

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**From:** Taxmom99@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 11:10 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

Adding more chemicals to mattresses is appalling! These toxic chemicals will do more harm than good to anyone who sleeps on them. Please, Please, Please do not let this law pass. Our children are at risk here, adding more chemicals to their already toxic bodies would have some major detrimental effects of their systems. These nuerotoxins are dangerous! Why do you think that autism rates have sky rocketed over the past decade? As well as other diseases to the neurological system. We, as Americans, have loaded their little bodies up with toxins. Stop the nonsense!

Trish Collins  
Grover, MO

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**From:** Rose0247@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 11:05 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Potential Spam: Mattress NPR

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to go on the record as being opposed to this new standard for the following reasons:

Cost vs. Benefit: It will cost the majority of the consumers more money, but not benefit, but a small percentage of the population, who use comment since.

Chemicals: I do not want to sleep on something that contains that many chemical, especially since it is right next to my skin.

My children: Both of the children are chemically sensitive. I have made my home as safe a place for them to be as I can, remove non problems. If this is standard is passed and enforced, and I discover they can not tolerate these chemicals what chooses do I have? I do not own a Serta manufacture mattress, because I have that option now. This regulation takes away my consumer right to make an informed decision because of the ignorance.

Sincerely,  
Rosemary Davis,  
Concerned Mother and consumer  
Bel Air, Maryland

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**From:** miranda7331 [miranda7331@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 10:56 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** fire retardant mattresses

I am writing to state that I believe it is unjust to force people to sleep on toxic chemicals. We deserve a choice, just like we choose the food that goes in our mouths, and the products we use to clean our home. I feel this is infringing on my rights as a consumer. I have severe allergies and I am very chemically sensitive. What about babies and children. This is just disgusting. Smokers are going to die anyway, they don't need to kill us too. Now I will have to work my budget to buy all new mattresses for my family before this happens. I am appalled!  
Miranda Dreyer

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**From:** greenmp GREEN [greenmp@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 11:01 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Potential Spam: Mattress NPR

To Whom It May Concern:

Please do not pass a law requiring more stringent flame retardant standards for mattresses without having factual data as to the ramifications of the materials being used to comply with such standards.

If you do not take the time to study it for your own health, please take the time to study it for the health of our children.

Thank you,  
Michael Green

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**From:** Peekap@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 10:58 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** poisoning our mattresses

**KEEP YOUR TOXIC CHEMICALS OUT OF MY FAMILIES  
MATTRESSES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

My son has multiple chemical sensitivities, and would be hugely impacted by sleeping for 11 hours every night in a bed full of chemicals. This toxic exposure would effect his learning, behavior, appetite and sleep patterns, basically, his whole life.

Why should we all have to sacrifice our health in order to protect people who are foolish enough to smoke in bed.

**PROTECT THE CHILDREN WHO CANNOT PROTECT THEMSELVES!!!!!!** Do not protect irresponsible adults who have the choice to make more intelligent decisions. Smoking in bed is a foolish, unsafe thing to do. Why should my small son have to put his health at risk to save someone who does not care enough about their own health to choose not to smoke.

VALERIE PAQUETTE, RN

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**From:** Vicki Johnston [vscjohnston@northstate.net]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 10:57 AM

**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.

**Subject:** People For Clean Beds

It is my belief that a grave mistake is being made with the decision to use Boric Acid in mattresses in order to make them more flame retardant. It puts the entire population at risk in order to save a small percentage of people that are too ignorant to realize that smoking in bed is dangerous.

Please reconsider this action before it is too late.

Respectfully,  
Vicki Johnston

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