



United States  
**Consumer Product Safety Commission**

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Dear Mr. Cooper and Mr. Lentine:

On May 8, 2024, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission or CPSC) held a public hearing to receive views from interested parties about the Commission's agenda and priorities for fiscal year (FY) 2025, which begins on October 1, 2024, and for FY 2026, which begins on October 1, 2025. During the hearing, Mr. Peter Allen of Allen Machine Products, Inc. testified about incidents regarding room air conditioners falling out of windows, resulting in deaths and serious injuries to people below them. I am writing to inquire about actions that manufacturers and the standards developers are taking or could take to reduce the occurrence of these incidents, such as through revision of the relevant product safety standards, promotion of better code adoption and/or expansion of consumer awareness of the dangers posed by improper installation.<sup>1</sup> Mr. Allen's written submission can be found starting on page 101 in this document: [https://downloads.regulations.gov/CPSC-2024-0011-0002/attachment\\_1.pdf](https://downloads.regulations.gov/CPSC-2024-0011-0002/attachment_1.pdf). Mr. Allen's oral testimony can be viewed on this link starting at 2:35:15: <https://youtu.be/wxgTY-qV2wc?si=f-W59mW5uxAghch3>.

While an internal review of our data indicates a limited number of fatal incidents, this does seem to be an addressable hazard, and we therefore ask your review of the applicable voluntary standards to see if improvements are needed and whether these standards should be added to building codes.

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<sup>1</sup> This letter was prepared by the CPSC staff. It has not been reviewed or approved by, and may not represent the views of, the Commission.



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If you have any questions, please contact me at [atrotta@cpsc.gov](mailto:atrotta@cpsc.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Trotta".

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