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**Re:** Comment on ASTM Ballot F15.42 (23-01) Item 1, *Specification for Storage Chests used for household items that do not require the use of a sealed storage space*. WK80158

Dear Mr. Bell:

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC or Commission) Staff<sup>1</sup> appreciates ASTM's efforts to develop a new safety standard regarding indoor furniture storage items such as ottomans and decorative storage chests.

Staff has worked collaboratively with the task group on developing this standard as well as providing incident data. The specific hazards that have been identified in the available incident data are: 1) entrapment and strangulation hazards associated with the lid dropping suddenly; 2) suffocation hazards due to risk of entrapment; and 3) crushing and laceration hazards associated with hinges, sharp edges, and lid supports. We believe that the standard, as proposed, would address the hazards involved with these types of storage products.

CPSC appreciates this opportunity to comment, and we encourage industry to adopt this standard without delay.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> The views or opinions expressed in this letter are solely those of the staff, and these views and opinions do not necessarily represent those of the Commission.