

## Amendment to FY 2016 Budget

Insert on page 5 of the Performance Budget Request to OMB the Following:

[Insert as new #4 and re-number accordingly.]

### **4. Establish Consumer Product Safety Challenge Grant Program (+ \$150,000)**

To carry out the White House policy to “strongly encourage agencies to ... utilize prizes and challenges as tools for advancing open government, innovation, and the agency’s mission,”<sup>1</sup> this grant program would encourage inventors to submit proposals designed to address high-risk products and product categories that would benefit directly from new technical fixes. For example, the Commission considers furniture tipovers, which account for numerous deaths and thousands of serious injuries ever year, to be an issue of great concern that would benefit from a low-cost technical fix designed to prevent tipovers. Other product hazard concerns that could benefit from new technologies might include window cord fatalities, garage door openers, and portable generators. Accordingly, CPSC recommends the addition of \$150,000 for the establishment of a Consumer Product Safety Challenge Grant Program.

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<sup>1</sup> Office of Management and Budget, “Guidance on the Use of Challenges and Prizes to Promote Open Government” (March 8, 2010).

## **Commissioner Robinson Proposed Amendment to the FY2106 Budget Request**

### **Open Data Initiative** *(add to Section 5: Raising Awareness (and the Summary of Changes Discussion section))*

In order to increase all CPSC stakeholders' access to CPSC's data and in furtherance of CPSC's Open Government Plan, (<http://www.cpsc.gov/en/About-CPSC/Agency-Reports/open/>) specifically in the spirit of the Presidential Executive Order No. 13642 to make government information open and machine readable, the CPSC recommends a \$750,000 initiative.

This initiative will provide the necessary resources to make available through a web application interface (API) the CPSC critical data sets, including but not limited to the following: Recalls Data, Consumer Incident Data through Saferproducts.gov, Letters of Noncompliance, and the National Emergency Incident Surveillance System (NEISS). The initiative will also fund the one-time costs to conduct the necessary security assessments and prepare the data for the API, as well as the annual recurring costs associated with this effort in FY 2016.

Additionally, this initiative envisions providing the CPSC with the necessary resources and personnel to leverage the newly formatted data to effect changes in consumer product safety, by allowing CPSC to connect effectively with interagency efforts on smart open data, the Office of Science and Technology, and the broader technology community of programmers and coders nationwide. It is anticipated that these efforts would include additional app challenges and outreach and publicity activities with the technology community, as needed.

*If approved, staff is directed to insert the above language into an appropriate location in the Raising Awareness section (and the Summary of Changes Discussion section) and make any necessary and conforming changes to the FY 2016 Performance Budget Request to reflect the above addition to the package.*