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**STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER PETER A. FELDMAN
ON
INFANT SLEEP FINAL RULE**

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Today I joined my colleagues to approve, in a bipartisan manner, this final rule, which is designed to protect children. We all share the goal of protecting infants. Nevertheless, during this process, commenters raised procedural as well as substantive issues about unintended consequences particularly with regard to co-sleeping. While I have some misgivings, the safety benefit of this final rule outweighs the risks, given what we know now. I expect agency staff will closely monitor the implementation of this final rule and these potential unintended consequences.

I have voted yes on this final rule, but I would have much rather we adopted the amendment I offered that would have put this rulemaking on a more solid foundation. I fear that legal challenges, which could take years to resolve, will end up costing more time and resources than the Commission has to spare. Such a challenge, if brought, could result in fewer protections for infants and general uncertainty while it is sorted out.