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**STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER PETER A. FELDMAN ON
\$6 MILLION CIVIL PENALTY AGAINST CLAWFOOT SUPPLY, LLC**

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This week, the Commission approved a proposed settlement with Clawfoot Supply, LLC (Clawfoot) regarding the company's failure to report a defect with its shower seat that posed a fall and laceration hazard.

I supported this proposed settlement, which includes among other things a \$6 million civil penalty, because it is consistent with prior Commission civil penalties, is appropriately sized to the conduct at issue, and is defensible under CPSC's [civil penalty factors](#).

Unlike other recent Commission civil penalty settlements I have opposed, Clawfoot's failure to report did not result in fatalities of which CPSC is aware and was not the conduct of a known recidivist company. Additionally, the number of products in commerce was modest, and the penalty amount is consistent with other recent Commission settlements with similar facts and circumstances (*e.g.*, [Cybex](#) and [Core](#)).

While I voted to accept this proposed settlement, I remain disturbed at the Commission's lack of coherence as it relates to civil penalty fine amounts and other terms and conditions. As I have [stated before previously](#), CPSC needs a principled and effective civil penalty regime. I look forward to working with my colleagues to develop such a system.