



UNITED STATES
CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
4330 EAST WEST HIGHWAY
BETHESDA, MD 20814

STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER RICH TRUMKA JR.

MACY'S COMMITS TO STOP SELLING WATER BEADS AND DESTROYING REMAINING INVENTORY

February 1, 2024

On January 22nd 2024, I wrote a letter to department store retailer Macy's urging it to halt its sale of water beads.¹ Macy's confirmed with me in its response below that it will not only stop selling all water beads products: it will also destroy its remaining water bead inventory. This is the most responsible, safety-oriented action a company can take. I implore other retailers to follow the example set by Macy's.

¹ "Commissioner Trumka Letter to Macy's," *Consumer Product Safety Commission* (Jan. 22, 2024) (available at: <https://www.cpsc.gov/About-CPSC/Commissioner/Richard-Trumka/Statement/Commissioner-Trumka-Letter-to-Macys>)

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January 31, 2024

VIA EMAIL
AND U.S. MAIL

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Dear Special Counsel Niemasik:

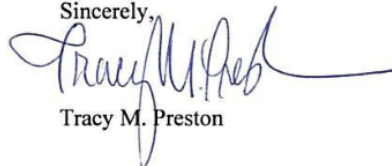
I wanted to confirm receipt of Commissioner Trumka's January 22, 2024, letter to Tony Spring regarding water bead products. Thank you for affording me the opportunity to respond on behalf of Macy's, Inc.

As an organization, Macy's is committed to operating with integrity and complying with product safety standards.

In response to the concerns shared in Commissioner Trumka's letter, Macy's is pulling all water bead products from its retail locations and from Macys.com. All water bead products in Macy's possession will be destroyed and Macy's has placed a stop sale on these products to prevent any inadvertent sales. Going forward, Macy's will not sell water bead products.

Again, Macy's appreciates your outreach and allowing us the opportunity to respond. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Tracy M. Preston