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Consumer Product Safety Commission

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Mr. Joseph Harding
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Portable Generator Manufacturers' Association
1300 Sumner Avenue
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Dear Mr. Harding:

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) staff* provides the enclosed redacted CPSC in-depth investigation (IDI) report of an incident involving the carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning deaths of a woman and her two children from a generator that was certified to the PGMA G300-2018 standard. The generator was reportedly purchased new just before the incident, and it was operating outside, but next to the house. This tragic incident exemplifies one of the limitations of PGMA G300-2018 in protecting against certain hazard scenarios.

Sincerely,

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