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TRANSMITTED VIA EMAIL

Ms. Molly Lynyak, Staff Manager, ASTM Committee F15 on Consumer Products
ASTM International
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Dear Ms. Lynyak:

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) staff¹ requests that the F15.21 Subcommittee on Infant Carriers meet as soon as possible to discuss potential firmness requirements for handheld infant carriers. Based on contracted research for CPSC with Boise State University, staff assesses that implementing firmness requirements will reduce the risk of suffocation or positional asphyxiation related deaths of infants within seated infant products such as carriers, bouncers, swings, rockers, and floor seats. See CPSC report issued on June 20, 2023: [Report: Boise State University's Seated Products Characterization and Testing](#).²

Staff looks forward to collaborating with the infant carriers subcommittee to develop these requirements and improve the safety of these products. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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CC: Jacqueline Campbell, CPSC Voluntary Standard Coordinator
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² Report was forwarded to ASTM for distribution on June 20, 2023.