United States
**Consumer Product Safety Commission**

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Dear Ms. Lynyak,

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) staff requests that ASTM Committee F15 on Consumer Products develop requirements in a new voluntary standard to address incidents involving barbecue grill brushes.[1] CPSC staff is aware of incidents in which the metal bristles of barbecue grill brushes separate from the grill brush during use and transfer to the grill grate cooking surface. In the incidents the separated metal bristles then transfer to the food being cooked and are consumed by the consumer, resulting in serious injuries to the mouth, throat, stomach, or intestines. Sample incident reports are attached to this document for your review.

CPSC staff requests the formation of a task group composed of relevant stakeholders to review incident data, review the performance requirements in Canadian standard: CSA Z630:19 Barbecue Grill Brushes, and develop performance requirements for an ASTM *Standard Specification for Barbecue Grill Brushes*. CPSC staff will participate and assist in developing safety requirements.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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[1] The views expressed in this letter are those of CPSC staff and have not been reviewed or approved by, and may not necessarily reflect the views of, the Commission.

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