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Statement of Commissioner Peter A. Feldman on CPSC's Micromobility Forum Webinar

The micromobility sector includes a number of innovative products that promise to solve the so-called “last mile” problem for the commuting public. As with all products regulated by the agency, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission must strike a balanced approach that allows for innovation, meets consumer demand, and ensures user safety.

Earlier this week, the CPSC held a forum on emerging micromobility technologies, including e-scooters, e-bicycles, and hoverboards. I want to thank all of the participants, across five panels, for their thoughtful presentations. The Commission heard testimony from consumer advocacy groups, career staff, academics, standards development organizations, industry representatives, and other federal agencies. The presenters discussed current research, injury data, and safety standards development, among other things.

While new travel modes have the potential to improve the effectiveness of transit systems, any federal regulations in this area should incentivize innovative solutions with an eye towards safe, sustainable, and effective transportation solutions. I share the views of the Secretary of Transportation, Elaine L. Chao, that we must engage with emerging technologies to address legitimate public concerns about safety, security, and privacy without hampering innovation.

I also agree with American Action Forum's Jennifer Huddleston, who offered a path forward for safety standards development. Ms. Huddleston testified that policymakers should be careful not to place regulatory burdens that prevent further safety innovation and that safety requirements should be based on evidence of risk. “Policymakers should not presume the status quo of the 20th century, but they should encourage innovation that provides more safe and enjoyable options to address a wide variety of transportation needs,” Ms. Huddleston advised the Commission. This is well said.

It is my hope that these conversations will continue at CPSC. I am also encouraged by the voluntary standards work that is currently underway. This process should provide a platform for all stakeholders to create standards that ensure safe products, increase consumer confidence in micromobility options, and allow for competition and innovation in the marketplace.