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**Statement of Acting Chairman Robert Adler
on the Passage of the FY 2021 Operating Plan**

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There are few things we do as Commissioners that are more important to the work of the agency than passing the annual Operating Plan. That is why I am so pleased to be part of the bipartisan majority that today passed the FY2021 Operating Plan—in my opinion, the most robust and protective plan in years.

I have always believed that CPSC's talented staff performs at its best in the service of the American people when it is allowed and encouraged to be aspirational. Although the work of regulatory progress too often is measured in years rather than months, it begins with a commitment from the brilliant scientists and legal minds of the Commission staff. In this Operating Plan, the staff has committed even more than it typically does: a final rule on padded crib bumpers and one on infant sleep products, for example. These two rules represent the agency's years-long effort to ensure infant sleep safety after far too many babies have died in cribs and other sleep products their parents believed to be safe. Also, in FY2021, staff aims to issue a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on magnet sets—a rule too-long delayed by litigation that forced the agency to stand down even as children continued to swallow dangerous high-powered magnets that tore through their intestines. The agency will also move ahead with a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on window coverings, seeking an end to the many senseless deaths of young children from corded window coverings.

These are just a few of the strong steps forward laid out in the FY2021 Operating Plan. I applaud staff and thank my colleagues for their commitment to protecting the public against the unreasonable risks of injuries and deaths associated with consumer products. This Operating Plan fully supports that mission, and I am proud to announce its passage.