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**Statement of Acting Chairman Robert Adler
on the Passage of the Final Rule on Infant Sleep Products**

Today's vote to finalize a rule on Infant Sleep Products is perhaps one of my proudest moments as a Commissioner at the CPSC. What we've done today fulfills the most sacred of our obligations as Commissioners—to take steps to protect vulnerable consumers, including babies. I note that what we are protecting them from is not something that is malevolent or nefarious. In fact, we are protecting babies from the most loving and well-intentioned of acts—when a loving parent or caregiver puts a baby into a product that is intended or marketed for sleep. Today's vote ensures that when a product is intended or marketed for sleep, it will indeed be safe for an infant to sleep.

I want to congratulate the agency staff who have worked so hard, for so long, to bring this rule to fruition. It is one of the strongest, most protective rules I have seen in all my years at CPSC. I want also to thank the advocates who have pushed us tirelessly to this day, many of them parents who have turned their personal tragedies into advocacy. Today's success belongs to you and your families, and to all the babies who will sleep more safely from now on.