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STATEMENT ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF COSTLY, UNSUPPORTED, AND ANTI-COMPETITIVE RULEMAKINGS THAT DO NOT ADVANCE SAFETY

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Today marks a turning point for the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). Under new leadership, CPSC is returning to a safety mission rooted in sound science, robust data, and common sense. CPSC has identified several proposed rulemakings that have remained on the agency's rulemaking agenda for years without final action. CPSC has also identified instances where Congress has provided clear direction to the Commission to not finalize specific rules. Regulations and practices that do not reasonably advance safety – but instead promote unscientific ideological agendas, impose unnecessary costs, restrict consumer choice, or reduce competition, entrepreneurship, and innovation – are no longer agency priorities.

In that spirit, the Commission is withdrawing several pending rulemakings where it does not intend to issue final rules, including:

- Safety Standard Addressing Blade-Contact Injuries on Table Saws (76 Fed. Reg. 62678);
- Standard for Recreational Off-Highway Vehicles (74 Fed. Reg. 55495);
- Safety Standard for Debris Penetration Hazards (87 Fed. Reg. 43688);
- Information Disclosure Under Section 6(b) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (79 Fed. Reg. 10712);
- Disclosure of Interests in Commission Proceedings (88 Fed. Reg. 67127); and
- Banned Hazardous Substances: Aerosol Duster Products Containing More Than 18 mg in Any Combination of HFC-152a and/or HFC-134a (89 Fed. Reg. 61363).

In addition, the Commission has directed staff to take necessary steps to rescind two outdated rules governing citizens band radio antennas, which have no relevance to modern consumer products, and Eisenhower-era refrigerator safety mandates aimed at models that have not been produced in over 50 years. The Commission is also rescinding its ill-conceived and methodologically suspect guidance on the value of statistical life, which departs from the practices of *every other* federal agency, inflates claimed regulatory benefits, and jeopardizes the legal viability of any rulemaking that relies on it.

Earlier this year, the Commission formally concluded its review of a request for information on **Gas Stoves** initiated during the Biden Administration, without further action. That review followed the 2022 circulation of a former commissioner's proposal to ban gas stoves, a proposal rooted in climate ideology not consumer safety. Under new leadership, the Commission has made clear it will not regulate gas stove emissions or ban this product category, consistent with

President Trump's agenda and his commitment to preserve the freedom of the American people to choose from a full range of goods and appliances.

On June 12, 2025, the Commission issued a request for information from the public on further opportunities for CPSC to reduce burdens and costs of its existing rules, relegations, and practices without impacting safety. That comment period closed last week on August 11, 2025, and the Commission is currently reviewing comments.

Together, these actions reflect a fundamental course correction. CPSC will focus on hazards that pose real and substantial risks, where mandatory standards are truly necessary and the evidence shows federal intervention will meaningfully advance safety. The Commission will not squander limited resources on symbolic rules that serve ideological ends, diminish consumer choice, or hand unfair market advantages to foreign competitors at the expense of American consumers and manufacturers.