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**Statement of Acting Chairman Robert Adler
on the Referral of a Civil Penalty Case to the U.S. Department of Justice**

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I wish to announce that a bipartisan majority of the CPSC recently voted to refer a case seeking a substantial civil penalty for a violation of the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA) to the Department of Justice. While details of the referral remain confidential, I am taking the unusual step of announcing this action to assure the American public that the enforcement process at CPSC – thought by some to be dormant – is continuing. I am pleased that the agency continues to exercise its duty to protect the public from unreasonable risks of injury and death from consumer products. I applaud my fellow Commissioners for their vote on the referral.