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**Consumer Product Safety Commission**

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Mr. Daniel J. Mustico  
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Subject: Riding Mowers

Dear Mr. Mustico:

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)<sup>1</sup> staff is concerned with riding mower hazards related to runover, back over, and rollover incidents. CPSC staff has received additional incidents since the last meeting with OPEI (December 2023) and investigated them to obtain detailed information on the scenarios and hazard patterns associated with riding mowers.

In a review of the 20 most recent in-depth investigations (IDIs) available, staff identified 7 child runover/back over incidents and 13 rollover incidents occurring in a two-year period (July 2022 to July 2024). This finding indicates that these hazards continue to contribute to traumatic amputation injuries and deaths, including to children. Maintaining our practice of recent years, CPSC staff is providing OPEI with redacted versions of the IDIs mentioned above to enable a collaborative, thorough review of the data. The IDIs will be transmitted to you via secure file transfer.

Staff looks forward to continue working with the OPEI Lawn Mower Committee, which oversees all activities associated with the development and maintenance of the ANSI/OPEI 5395 standards for lawn mowers, to mitigate the hazards associated with riding mowers, in particular, runover, back over, and rollover incidents.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> The comments in this letter are those of the CPSC staff and they have not been reviewed or approved by, and may not necessarily reflect the views of, the Commission.



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