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 CONSUMER **PRODUCT** SAFETY COMMISSION
 Washington, D.C. 20207

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: APR 7 1998

TO : The Commission

Through: Sadye E. Dunn, Secretary *S Dunn*
 Pamela Gilbert, Executive Director *PG*

FROM : Jeffrey S. Bromme, General Counsel *J S Bromme*
 Stephen Lemberg, Assistant General Counsel *SL*

SUBJECT: Public hearing on Commission Agendas and Priorities
 BALLOT VOTE due - APR 14 1998

The Commission staff is developing the Commission's budget request for fiscal year 2000, which begins on October 1, 1999. The Office of Management and Budget requires all Federal agencies to submit their budget requests 13 months before the beginning of each fiscal year. Establishment of the Commission's agenda and priorities is an essential part of developing the Commission's budget request.

Section 4(j) of the Consumer Product Safety Act requires the Commission to establish an agenda for action under the laws it administers, and, if feasible, priorities for action. The agenda, and any priorities, must be established at least 30 days before the beginning of each fiscal year. Section 4(j) provides further that before establishing its agenda and priorities, the Commission shall conduct a public hearing and provide opportunity for submission of comments.

Attached is a draft Federal Register notice to announce that the Commission will conduct a public hearing on May 21, 1998, to

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receive oral presentations from interested persons concerning the Commission's agenda and priorities for fiscal year 2000.

Please indicate your vote:

I Approve the draft Federal Register for publication without change.

Signature

Date

II Approve the draft Federal Register notice for publication with the following changes (please specify): _____

Signature

Date

III Do not approve the draft Federal Register notice for publication.

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Date

IV Take other action (please specify): _____

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Commission Agenda and Priorities; Public Hearing

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: The Commission will conduct a public hearing to receive views from all interested parties about its agenda and priorities for Commission attention during fiscal year 2000, which begins October 1, 1999. Participation by members of the public is invited. Written comments and oral presentations concerning the Commission's agenda and priorities for fiscal year 2000 will become part of the public record.

DATES: The hearing will begin at 10 a.m. on May 21, 1998. Written comments and requests from members of the public desiring to make oral presentations must be received by the Office of the Secretary no later than May 7, 1998. Persons desiring to make oral presentations at this hearing must submit a written text of their presentations no later than **May 14, 1998.**

ADDRESSES: The hearing will be in room 420 of the East-West Towers Building, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. Written comments, requests to make oral presentations, and texts of oral presentations should be captioned "Agenda and Priorities" and mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207, or delivered to that office, room

502, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

Comments, requests, and texts of oral presentations may also be filed by telefacsimile to (301) 504-0127 or **by** e-mail to cpsc-os@cpsc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about the hearing or to request an opportunity to make an oral presentation, call or write Rockelle Hammond, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207; telephone (301) 504-0800, extension 1232; telefax (301) 504-0127.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 4(j) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA) (15 U.S.C. 2053(j)) requires the Commission to establish an agenda for action under the laws it administers, and, to the extent feasible, to select priorities for action at least 30 days before the beginning of each fiscal year. Section 4(j) of the CPSA provides further that before establishing its agenda and priorities, the Commission shall conduct a public hearing and provide an opportunity for the submission of comments.

The Office of Management and Budget requires all Federal agencies to submit their budget requests 13 months before the beginning of each fiscal year. The Commission is formulating its budget request for fiscal year 2000, which begins on October 1, 1999.

Accordingly, the Commission will conduct a public hearing on May 21, 1998, to receive comments from the public

concerning its agenda and priorities for fiscal year 2000. The Commissioners desire to obtain the views of a wide range of interested persons including consumers; manufacturers, importers, distributors, and retailers of consumer products; members of the academic community; consumer advocates; and health and safety officers of state and local governments.

The Commission is charged by Congress with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of injury associated with consumer products. The Commission enforces and administers the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2051 et seq.); the Federal Hazardous Substances Act (15 U.S.C. 1261 et seq.); the Flammable Fabrics Act (15 U.S.C. 1191 et seq.); the Poison Prevention Packaging Act (15 U.S.C. 1471 et seq.); and the Refrigerator Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 1211 et seq.). Standards and regulations issued under provisions of those statutes are codified in the Code of Federal Regulations, title 16, chapter II.

While the Commission has broad jurisdiction over products used by consumers, its staff and budget are limited. Section 4(j) of the CPSA expresses Congressional direction to the Commission to establish an agenda for action each fiscal year and, if feasible, to select from that agenda some of those projects for priority attention.

Persons who desire to make oral presentations at the hearing on May 21, 1998, should call or write Rockelle Hammond, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety

Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207, telephone (301) 504-0800, telefax (301) 504-0127, or e-mail, cpsc-os@cpsc.gov, no later than May 7, 1998.

Presentations should be limited to approximately ten minutes. Persons desiring to make oral presentations must submit the written text of their presentations to the Office of the Secretary not later than May 14, 1998. The Commission reserves the right to impose further time limitations on all presentations and further restrictions to avoid duplication of presentations. The hearing will begin at 10 a.m. on May 21, 1998 and will conclude the same day.

Dated:

Sadye E. Dunn, Secretary
Consumer Product Safety Commission