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The Honorable John Thune  
Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
Transportation  
Chairman  
512 Dirksen Senate Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Bill Nelson  
Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
Transportation  
Ranking Member  
512 Dirksen Senate Building  
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Dear Chairman Thune and Ranking Member Nelson:

We write in strong support of the nomination of Acting Chair Ann Marie Buerkle to be Chairman of United States Consumer Product Commission (CPSC) and respectfully urge the Committee to confirm her. We believe Congresswoman Buerkle possesses the skills and experience necessary to lead the CPSC.

It should come as no surprise that at Safe Kids we place a special emphasis on the agency's indispensable role in both improving product safety and addressing emerging risks to children posed by new products. We believe it was important when Congress directed the CPSC to put special emphasis on child product safety. The CPSC is a vital part of the indispensable federal umbrella that protects our kids and helps parents do the best they can to keep their kids safe.

We look forward to working with the Chair to improve the effectiveness of this very effective agency. For one, we agree with many that the recall process needs to improve. We are encouraged that Acting Chairman Buerkle recently committed to working with all stakeholders to improve the process at a recall effectiveness workshop held by the CPSC in July. We worked hard on the passage of the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Act, and hope to work with the agency to build on its success.

Acting Chair Buerkle has the range of experiences necessary to lead the CPSC at this critical time. She truly understands the concerns of parents trying to keep their kids safe because she raised six of her own. In addition to her roles in public service as an Assistant State Attorney General and U.S. Congresswoman, Ms. Buerkle has served on the front lines of health care as a nurse, and many of our grass roots leaders around the U.S. have that role in common.

We are grateful to Acting Chairman Buerkle for her commitment to preventing injury and keeping our children safe. She has demonstrated strong, inclusive leadership during her time as a Commissioner and now as Acting Chairman and we hope you will confirm her so she may continue with her efforts to move forward with her vision and goals for the CPSC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Torine Creppy".

Torine Creppy  
Acting President  
Safe Kids Worldwide