



December 11, 2017

Mr. Dale Hamilton
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Dear Mr. Hamilton:

On behalf of children who are vulnerable and helpless to carbon monoxide poisoning, I write to encourage you to vote in favor of the Second Edition UL standard 2201 for portable generators. For years, portable generators have endangered people throughout the U.S., but especially small children and our senior citizens. We saw the danger CO poisoning from portable generators as large swaths of our country experienced the unrelenting power of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria, and now we head into the winter season.

During the hurricane and winter season, the use of portable generators is significant—and the danger they present is dire. In Florida alone, Hurricane Irma took at least 14 lives from CO poisoning, according to [The Ledger](#). Millions lost power during the hurricanes and portable generators are necessary, which means they need to be safe.

I am the Director of Public Policy with Safe Kids Worldwide. We are organized throughout the nation to prevent unintentional injury, the number one cause of death of children age 19 and under. Mr. Hamilton, Safe Kids has an active presence in Alabama.

Today, the great majority of the manufacturing and sales sectors act responsibly when a product they made or sold in the stream of commerce is defective. They pay special attention to products which put children at a special risk, as the federal law on consumer safety requires.

But even today there are exceptions, and the portable generator community is one of them. It has taken Olympian efforts to avoid making their products safer from CO poisoning.

I know that you are a voter on this issue, and I ask that you vote in favor of child safety and the standard. We stand with the unanimous safety community, medical experts and groups and we work with numerous U.S. Senators from cold weather and hurricane prone states. There is not an appetite for any more delay. I am an ASTM voter and I know that the work you do with UL is time consuming, and I deeply appreciate everything you do. Please vote in favor of the Second Edition UL 2201 standard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anthony Green".

Anthony Green
Director, Public Policy