

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 23, 2008

The Honorable John Dingell
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Joe Barton
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Commerce
2322A Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Dingell and Ranking Member Barton:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you and all of the House conferees for your extraordinary efforts to date on the conference committee on H.R. 4040, the Consumer Product Safety Modernization Act, and to urge you to complete action on this historic legislation before the August district work period.

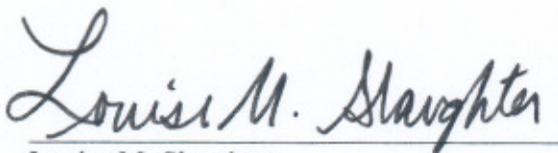
With only a few legislative days left before the August break, it is crucial that House and Senate conferees negotiate the strongest, most comprehensive and most protective Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) reauthorization legislation possible. We are heartened by the progress represented in the agreements reached at the July 17 conferees meeting, including the creation of a publicly accessible consumer complaint database and a ban on lead in children's products.

There still remain several contentious issues, however, that must be addressed quickly and in a way that restores confidence in the CPSC and its power to ensure the safety of products in our nation's marketplace. For this reason, we are writing to offer you our support as you work on the final outstanding issues of the House-Senate negotiations on the bill. In particular, we are looking forward to a final bill that:

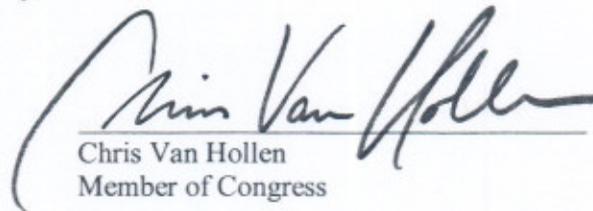
- Imposes mandatory standards for testing toys for the full range of potential hazards without undercutting the authority of states to monitor those standards;
- Bans any specific phthalate implicated by sound scientific evidence that suggests harmful effects to children; and
- Establishes strong safety standards for all terrain vehicles, including both domestic and imported models.

When we return to our districts this August, we all want to be able to tell our constituents that Congress stood up for American families and approved a strong, comprehensive CPSC bill of which we can all be proud. We thank you again for your tireless efforts over the past year, and we look forward to voting in support of the forthcoming conference report.

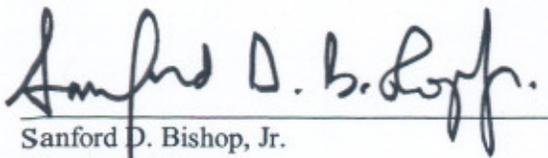
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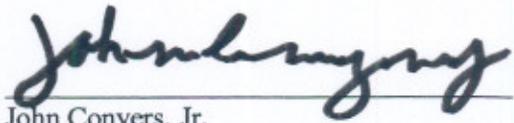
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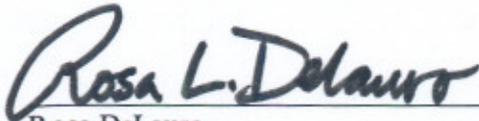
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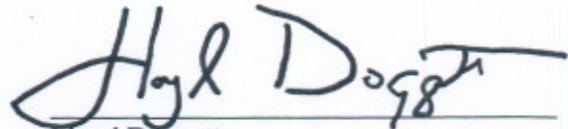
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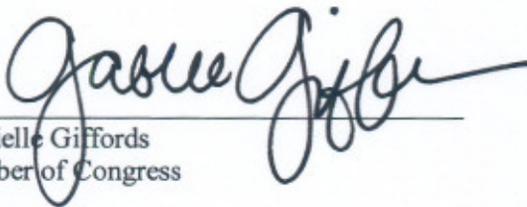
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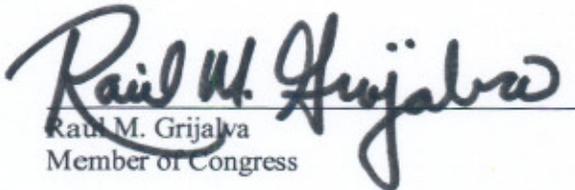
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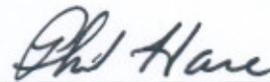
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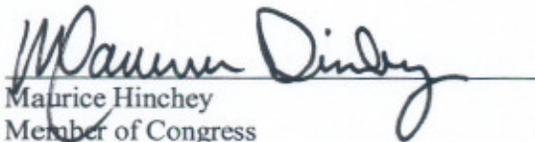
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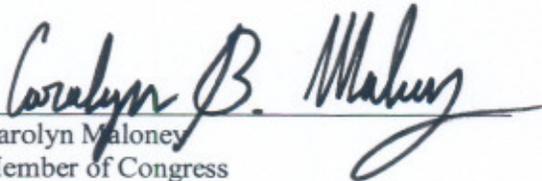
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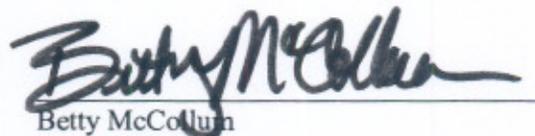
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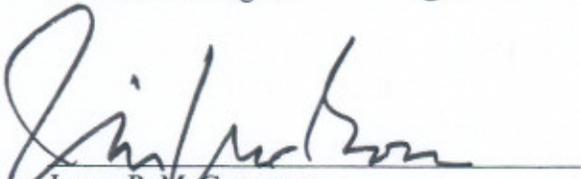
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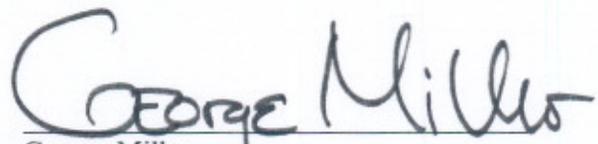
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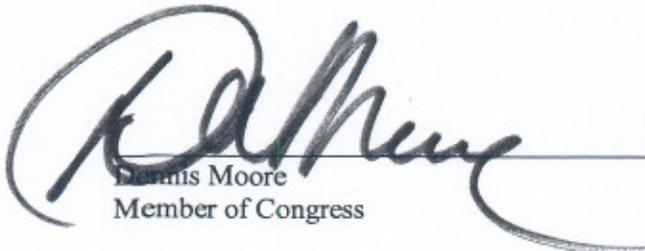
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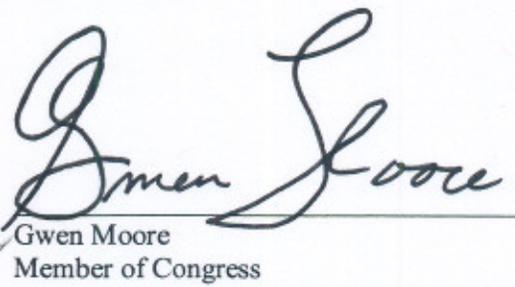
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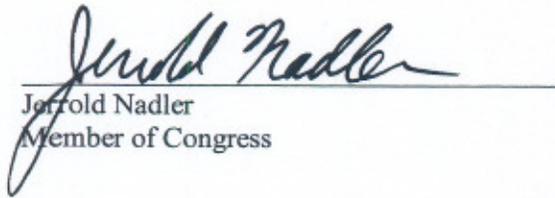
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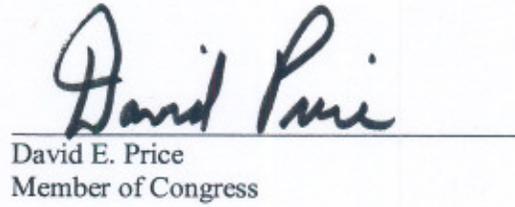
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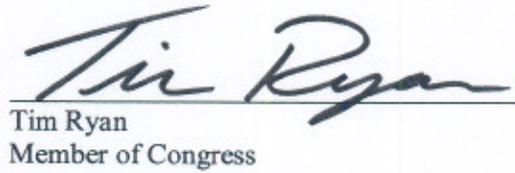
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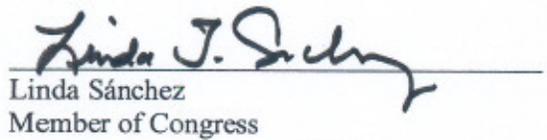
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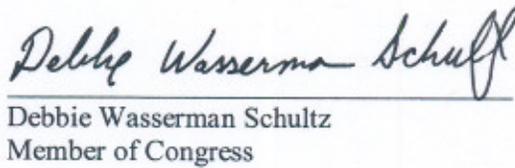
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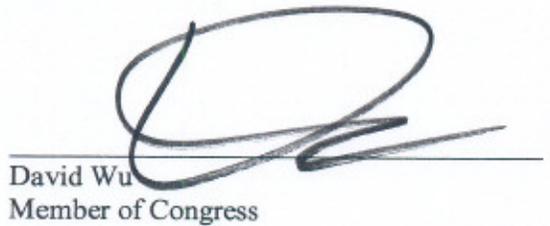
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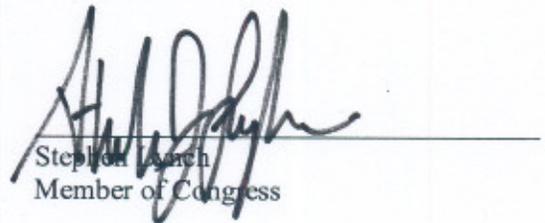
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