

May 9, 2025

President Donald Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump:

I am outraged and appalled by recent news that you have fired the Democratic Commissioners serving at the independent Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). I demand the immediate reversal and full reinstatement of Commissioners Alex Hoehn-Saric, Richard Trumka Jr., and Mary Boyle.

As you are well aware, there was no legal basis for these firings, as independent Commissioners can only be fired for neglect of duty or malfeasance. It appears that these Commissioners were instead fired for purely political reasons based on their opposition to your Administration's ill-advised plan to dismantle the CPSC – an independent watchdog protecting families and children from harm caused by consumer products.

Congress created the CPSC more than 50 years ago to protect Americans from injury or death associated with consumer products. The CPSC is responsible for overseeing over 2 trillion in commerce dollars annually and protecting the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death. Their work includes protecting consumers from hazards such as furniture tip-overs, carbon monoxide and lead poisoning, falls, sudden unexpected infant death (SUID), flammability and burns, and choking. The sole purpose of the agency is to ensure that the safety of Americans does not come second to a company's desire to turn a profit. The decision to fire these Commissioners poses a direct threat to the health and safety of every American and continues a concerning trend of attacks against independent agencies by your Administration.

Independent agencies, like the CPSC, were established by Congress for the very purpose of ensuring unbiased, unpartisan decision-making that prioritizes the long-term interests of the public. These firings run contrary to this goal and represent a blatant partisan attack on an

independent agency tasked with a singular goal: putting consumer safety before corporate profits. This decision must be reversed immediately.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Richard Blumenthal", is positioned above a horizontal line.

Richard Blumenthal
United States Senator