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BALLOT VOTE SHEET

TO: The Commission
 Alberta E. Mills, Acting Secretary

THROUGH: Stephanie Tsacoumis, General Counsel
 Patricia H. Adkins, Executive Director

FROM: Patricia M. Pollitzer, Assistant General Counsel
 David M. DiMatteo, Attorney, OGC

SUBJECT: Prohibition of Children's Toys and Child Care Articles Containing Specified
 Phthalates; Extension of Comment Period

BALLOT VOTE DUE: Time Critical Ballot Vote Due - c.o.b. Friday, March 13, 2015

The Commission published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPR) in the *Federal Register* on December 30, 2014, proposing to prohibit children's toys and child care articles containing specified phthalates. The NPR invited the public to submit written comments. The comment period, as set in the NPR, ends on March 16, 2015. The Commission has received two requests to extend the comment period for 60 days. Staff recommends denying the requests for extension of the comment period. The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act sets a short timeframe for the Commission to issue a final rule (180 days after receipt of the report from the Chronic Hazard Advisory Panel). Extending the comment period could delay the final rule.

Section V of the Commission's Decision Making Procedures allows a matter to be designated as time critical by the Executive Director where the matter will become moot if not decided within the shortened period of time. Because the comment period expires on Monday, March 16, 2015, the Executive Director has deemed this matter time critical.

Please indicate your vote on the following options:

- I. Grant the 60-day extension to the comment period and direct the staff to draft a *Federal Register* notice announcing the 60-day extension (or reopening of the comment period as necessary).

(Signature)

(Date)

- II. Do not grant the request for extension of the comment period.

(Signature)

(Date)

- III. Take other action. (Please specify.)

(Signature)

(Date)