



U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20207

Record of Commission Action
Commissioners Voting by Ballot *

Commissioners Voting: Chairman Ann Brown
 Commissioner Mary Sheila Gall
 Commissioner Thomas H. Moore

ITEM:

Fiscal Year 2001 Budget Request

DECISION:

The Commission voted unanimously (3-0) to approve a Fiscal Year (FY) 2001 budget request of \$57.8 million and 480 full-time equivalent positions (FTEs), as presented by the staff in the FY 2001 budget recommendation document from the Executive Director dated July 7, 1999. Commissioner Gall filed a statement concerning her vote, copy attached.

For the Commission:

Sadye E. Dunn
Secretary

* Ballot due July 27, 1999



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STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER MARY SHEILA GALL
ON FY 2001 BUDGET REQUEST
JULY 27, 1999

Today, I voted to approve the FY 2001 Budget Request. The Commission unanimously approved this request, which reflects a healthy increase of \$7.5 million over the President's suggested FY 2000 budget of \$50.5 million.

I have consistently supported funding to maintain our prior year appropriations, along with a reasonable and pragmatic funding increase to support new initiatives. Typically, I have recommended budget increases in the range of 6 % to 9 %. Historically, merely to maintain services at the prior year appropriation level, a 3% increase was needed. But we have seen this fixed cost adjustment rise from 3% in FY 1999 to 4% in FY 2000. In FY 2001, an increase of 5.4% is needed to maintain services at the projected FY 2000 level.

This substantial adjustment (\$3.1 million) is due largely to statutory pay and benefit increases (\$2.620 million), a sizeable increase in our GSA space rent (\$307,000) and non-compensation related cost increases (\$196,000) due to inflation. An additional \$1 million is proposed as a second installment to establish an ongoing agency research budget. This leaves a total of \$3.2 million for vital technological improvements, data collection enhancements, redevelopment of the laboratory site, and other new initiatives.

I carefully scrutinized this particular request because it reflects a somewhat higher increase than I have supported in the past. But I feel that this particular increase at this time is justified. Because we are a data driven agency, we depend on our laboratory testing and data analysis. This increase provides critical investments necessary to implement improvements. We need to re-establish our research budget with the second installment contained in this request. This budget reflects our goal to bolster these major components.