



U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20207

Record of Commission Action
Commissioners Voting by Ballot*

Commissioners Voting: Chairman Hal Stratton
 Commissioner Thomas H. Moore
 Commissioner Mary Sheila Gall

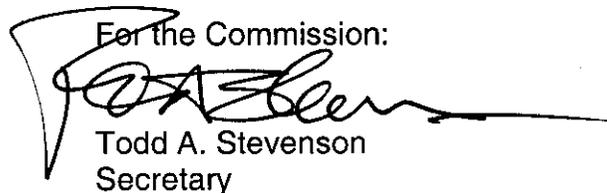
ITEM:

CPSC Sponsorship of the Product Safety Circle
(Ballot Vote Package dated December 11, 2002, OS#4527)

DECISION:

The Commission voted unanimously (3-0) to terminate Commission sponsorship of the Product Safety Circle but take the following actions to promote and encourage good safety practices: (A) maintain a suggested catalogue of good safety practices on the Commission's web site; (B) sponsor future activities designed to enable members of the regulated community and other interested persons to exchange information about product safety practices; and (C) have the staff draft a letter to members of the Product Safety Circle informing them of the Commission's actions.

Commissioner Moore submitted the attached statement to accompany his vote.

For the Commission:

Todd A. Stevenson
Secretary

* Ballot vote due January 8, 2003



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**STATEMENT OF THE HONORABLE THOMAS H. MOORE
ON THE CPSC SPONSORSHIP OF THE PRODUCT SAFETY CIRCLE**
January 10, 2003

The Product Safety Circle has provided an opportunity for manufacturers and other interested parties to share information on such issues as quality control, designing safety into products and innovative systems for reporting product defects. The particular method by which this is done is less important than the Commission's continuing commitment to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas. By this vote the Commission is retaining the concept upon which the Product Safety Circle was founded--product safety information sharing--but is eliminating the appearance of there being an "approved" group of companies, which had concerned some consumer groups.