

Fix the CPSIA!



"Unintended Consequences" Cost Thousands of Small Business Jobs

The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) passed by Congress in 2008 was intended to make products safer, but after three years it has also effectively ended the American Dream for many small businesses and needlessly raised consumer prices. Both Democrats and Republicans agree that the law's "unintended consequences" must be urgently fixed.

The safety of our products is our top priority. Our member companies want to focus on improving safety instead of generating paperwork. We want to invest in our products and employees instead of spending millions of dollars for unnecessary and redundant testing. The CPSIA has jeopardized the availability of and, in some cases, banned safe products such as books, bicycles, musical instruments, rhinestones, youth model ATVs and motorcycles, and clothing with zippers.

HR 1939 maintains the CPSIA's important safety provisions but adopts some modest, common sense reforms. HR 1939 amends the CPSIA to ease regulatory burdens where appropriate, eliminate duplication and needless paperwork, and improve the accuracy of information in the CPSC's public database. With unrealistic deadlines and new regulatory burdens fast approaching, the time is now to fix the CPSIA.

It's Time to Put Politics Aside. Support HR 1939 and Save U.S. Jobs

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