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**STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER PETER A. FELDMAN ON ADDITIONAL
FUNDING FOR CPSC IN THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021**

Congress has spoken twice in less than 4 months. The Commission's task is clear. We must "to the maximum extent feasible," return to ports of entry and ensure that our primary mission, to protect the public against unreasonable risk of injury from consumer products, endures.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure that we meet the Congressional mandate of adding port inspectors and working with our federal partners on methods to staff these posts safely. It's time the Commission focus on getting back to full staffing, completing the required after-action report, addressing the gaps that were created from our COVID pull-back, and conducting remedial screening of dangerous consumer products that may have entered the United States when CPSC port inspectors were ordered to stay at home.

I have long advocated for allocating our scarce resources to the Commission's core mission of boots on the ground and staff in our lab. Congress's directive makes clear in its two bills that it agrees.

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