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TRANSMITTED VIA EMAIL

Mr. Joseph Harding
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RE: CPSC Staff Comments and Ballot on BSR/PGMA G300-201x, *Safety and Performance of Portable Generators*, Opened for canvass review on 11-14-2017

Dear Mr. Harding:

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission technical staff (CPSC staff or staff) appreciates this opportunity to express support for the proposed revision to ANSI/PGMA G300-2015: BSR/PGMA G300-201x, *Safety and Performance of Portable Generators* that was opened for canvass review on November 14, 2017.¹ CPSC staff commends PGMA for its efforts to address steering committee members' comments that PGMA received throughout the pre-canvass meetings and webinars held over the last several months. Staff believes that the proposal marks a significant step toward mitigating the risk of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning deaths and injuries associated with portable generators. CPSC staff is voting yes for this proposed standard.

Staff supports the subject proposal. Timely resolution of any potential issues that are raised during this comment period is paramount to the production of safer portable generators. Staff supports all efforts to reduce deaths and injuries from CO poisoning associated with portable generators, including improved safety standards, increased use of CO alarms, and improved information and education campaigns.

¹ The comments or views expressed in this letter are those of the CPSC staff and they have not been reviewed or approved by, and may not reflect the views of, the Commission.

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We hope to build on the momentum from the development of this standard and continue working together to refine the requirements in the future as we move forward. Staff urges PGMA to pass this standard and quickly establish working groups to address refinements for a future edition as we become aware of any issues and learn of best practices once products come on the market meeting the standard.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet L. Buyer".

Janet Buyer

cc: Patricia Edwards, CPSC Voluntary Standards Coordinator