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**CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION**  
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**COMMISSIONER ROBERT S. ADLER**

**STATEMENT OF THE HONORABLE ROBERT S. ADLER**

August 18, 2009

I have voted to approve the final rule on lead (with changes). In doing so, I would like to make the following disclosure in order to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest. My wife's first cousin is the executive director of the Fashion Jewelry Trade Association. He and I have studiously avoided any discussion of the issues in this package. We have agreed that we will avoid future discussions or any interaction regarding lead issues in fashion jewelry or on any other matters that pertain to the industry's concerns before the CPSC.