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The Honorable Jay Rockefeller
Chairman
Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee
United States Senator
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The Honorable Henry Waxman
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
2204 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Bobby L. Rush
Chairman
Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection
U.S. House of Representatives
2416 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Mark L. Pryor
Chairman
Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Insurance and Automotive Safety
United States Senator
255 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Rockefeller and Pryor, and Representatives Waxman and Rush:

Section 212 of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA) calls for the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to put into operation a public safety database. I wanted to provide you with an update on the database implementation progress.

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Section 212 of the CPSIA requires the CPSC, after funds are appropriated, to develop a detailed implementation plan for the database. The development of this plan is currently underway with a target completion date of September 2009. This date is six months after the receipt of our FY 2009 budget. As contemplated by the statute, the FY 2009 funding was necessary to start the planning activities required to develop the implementation plan.

CPSC staff has briefed the Federal Central Information Officer at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on our plan and approach and we will continue to work with his office as we proceed with this project. The agency is making progress with the planning. To date we have hired a certified project manager and contracted for assistance in establishing a program management office (PMO). These steps will allow us to effectively plan this project following the requirements of the Clinger-Cohen Act and OMB Circular A-11. Staff is confident these steps will help us deliver a successful product.

I will continue to keep you and your staff updated on our progress with respect to the public safety database. Please feel free to contact my office if you have any additional questions or concerns on this issue or any other matter.

Sincerely,


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Acting Chairman

cc: Commissioner Thomas Hill Moore
Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison
Senator Roger Wicker
Representative Joe Barton
Representative George Radanovich