



February 5, 2009

The Honorable Henry A. Waxman
Chairman, House Committee
on Energy and Commerce

The Honorable John D. Rockefeller, IV
Chairman, Senate Committee on
Commerce, Science, and Transportation

The Honorable Bobby L. Rush
Chairman, House Subcommittee on
Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection

The Honorable Mark L Pryor
United States Senator

The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
United States Senator

The Honorable Jim DeMint
United States Senator

Re: Regulatory Relief for Small and Family-Owned Businesses Under Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) of 2008

Dear Senators and Representatives:

The Handmade Toy Alliance, which represents 297 small family-owned businesses that make and sell children's products, hereby endorses the regulatory relief for small businesses which has been authored by Senator DeMint. We greatly appreciate the leadership shown by all of the lawmakers addressed by this letter and hope that you will all support this bill as a necessary improvement of the CPSIA.

As parents and grandparents, we each have an interest in promoting robust consumer protections. And, in these challenging times, we also must protect the livelihoods of thousands of small business owners and their employees. We have been told by the Consumer Product Safety Administration that this technical amendment to the CPSIA is the only solution to ensure the continued viability of our businesses. We therefore urge you to support this Regulatory Relief bill and expedite it through Congress.

Our alliance was formed by small businesses desperately looking for ways to comply with the requirements of the CPSIA. Finding few answers, we became activists. Please, pass this needed legislation so that we can return to making and selling quality children's items. You truly are our last and best hope.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Handmade Toy Alliance

A complete list of our 297 member businesses is available at

<http://www.handmadetoyalliance.org/members-of-the-handmade-toy-alliance> .