

Dems Join Push for Yo-Yo Ball Ban

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U.S. Rep. Jan **Schakowsky** (D-Ill.) has rounded up some Democratic heavyweights in her fight to get a potentially dangerous children's toy banned.

Schakowsky, the ranking Democrat on the House Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, along with U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.), Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-N.Y.), Sen. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.) and U.S. Rep. Robert Andrews (D-N.J.), last week sent letters to major retailers asking them to stop selling "yo-yo water balls," a toy that many consumer groups call dangerous. The toy consists of a liquid-filled rubber ball on the end of a stretchy rubber cord.

The balls have been implicated in 380 reported injuries.

The letter asks Kmart, KB Toys, Wal-Mart, Target, Claire's Boutique and Oriental Trading Co. to stop selling the toys.

Yo-yo water balls already have been banned for sale by eBay, Toys R Us, Walgreens, 7-Eleven and some other retailers.