

Thank you, Chairman Rush, for yielding and for holding this important hearing.

I want to welcome Chairman Tenenbaum. We had the pleasure of meeting each other recently. I was extremely impressed by your commitment to making the Consumer Product Safety Commission an agency that will truly live up to its name. I look forward to working with you on our mutual goal of protecting consumers from dangerous products.

Last year, this committee and then Congress passed - with overwhelming support - the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act. The law filled existing gaps in CPSC's authority that were placing our children and families at risk.

Important provisions that I worked on, including mandatory infant and toddler durable product standards and testing and the Danny Keysar Child Product Safety Notification Act, and the first mandatory safety standards for children's toys, will help grandmothers like me feel confident that the gifts we buy for our grandkids are safe.

Certainly, there have been some problems with implementation of the new law, particularly under previous leadership at the CPSC. But the law can be successfully implemented as it is written and it is our responsibility to protect the new law and ensure that its provisions are not eroded.

[I would like to ask unanimous consent to insert into the record a letter from a coalition of consumer groups that highlights the CPSC's progress in implementing the law as it is currently written.]

I am glad we now have a Chairman in place that recognizes it as her mission to enforce the act fairly but firmly.

I yield back the balance of my time.