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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20207

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**BALLOT VOTE SHEET**

**DATE:** AUG 18 2003

**TO:** The Commission  
Todd A. Stevenson, Secretary

**THRU:** W. H. DuRoss, III, General Counsel *WHD*  
Stephen Lemberg, Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs *SL*

**FROM:** Lowell F. Martin, Attorney-Advisor, GCRA (ext. 7628) *LFM*

**SUBJECT:** Request by Power Tool Institute, Inc. for sixty-day extension of comment period on petition CP 03-2, petition requesting that the Commission establish performance standards to reduce or prevent injuries from contact with the blade of a table saw.

**Ballot Vote Due:** AUG 25 2003

By letter to the Secretary of August 11, 2003, copy attached, the Power Tool Institute, Inc. requests that the Commission extend the comment period by sixty days on petition CP 03-2 requesting that the Commission establish performance standards to reduce or prevent injuries from contact with the blade of a table saw. The Office of Hazard Identification and Reduction recommends that the request be granted. A draft *Federal Register* notice that would inform the public of an extension is attached for consideration by the Commission.

Please indicate your vote on the following options.

- I. Grant the request for an extension and issue the *Federal Register* notice as drafted.

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(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

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II. Grant the request for an extension and issue the *Federal Register* notice with changes.  
(Please specify.)

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(Signature)

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(Date)

III. Do not grant the request for an extension.

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(Signature)

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(Date)

IV. Take other action. (Please specify.)

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(Signature)

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(Date)

Attachments: Letter of August 11, 2003 from the Power Tool Institute, Inc., requesting  
extension of comment period.

Draft *Federal Register* notice.



# power tool institute, inc.

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August 11, 2003

**Via Facsimile, E-Mail and First Class Mail**

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Office of the Secretary  
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission  
4330 East West Highway  
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

***Request for Extension of Time to Comment on  
Petition No. CP 03-2***

Dear Mr. Stevenson:

On July 9, the Commission published for public comment a notice in The FEDERAL REGISTER announcing that it had docketed a petition, Petition No. CP 03-2, requesting that the Commission establish performance standards to reduce or prevent injuries from contact with the blade of a table saw. Comments are due by September 8, 2003. For the following reasons, we request that the Commission extend the date for submitting comments sixty days until November 7, 2003.

Our initial review of the petition shows that it contains a great deal of detailed description about the "SawStop" technology that forms the basis for the petition. However, most of the arguments advanced in support of granting the petition consist of conclusory statements that either are without factual support or are misleading. We believe that the interests of the Commission would best be served by the receipt of as full a preliminary record as possible upon which it can base a decision whether to go forward. Among the issues that would benefit from fuller development are: the anticipated costs to consumers and industry associated with granting the petition; statistics on injuries associated with table saws; the potential of the "SawStop" technology to reduce such injuries, limitations on the performance of that technology and corresponding increases in risks of injury; and unique issues relating to the current and future availability of the SawStop technology and lack of alternatives.

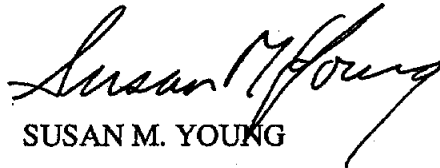
Inasmuch as the petition lacks many salient facts upon which to base meaningful comment, we will have to collect and develop relevant information to present to the Commission. Our best estimate is that the process will require two months, with an additional month to prepare and submit comments. We also believe that many disparate trade associations, manufacturers and retailers may have an interest in commenting on the petition and the issues raised above. At this time, we are initiating contact with potentially interested parties. However, with summer

vacations, it will be difficult to complete those contacts in sufficient time to meet the current September 8 date, let alone for those parties to provide substantive comment.

For the foregoing reasons, we request that Commission extend the time for receiving comments on the petition to November 7, a period of sixty (60) days from the current September 8 date. Granting the extension will permit all interested parties to review fully the merits of the petition and to provide the Commission with substantive comments that will assist it in its consideration of whether to grant the petition.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at 216-241-7333.

Sincerely,



SUSAN M. YOUNG

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cc: Board of Directors

**Stevenson, Todd A.**

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**From:** PTI/Susan M. Young:cls [csarik@taol.com]

**Sent:** Monday, August 11, 2003 4:33 PM

**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.

**Subject:** Petition No. CP 03-2 - Petition for Performance Standards for Table Saws

**TO:** TODD A. STEVENSON  
**CC:** BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Stevenson:

Please see the attached correspondence.

Sincerely,

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## CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

**Petition Requesting Performance Standards for a System to Reduce or Prevent Injuries from Contact with the Blade of a Table Saw (Petition No. CP 03-2); Extension of Comment Period.**

**AGENCY:** Consumer Product Safety Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of Extension of Comment Period.

**SUMMARY:** By notice in the Federal Register of July 9, 2003, 68 FR 40912, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC or Commission) invited comment on Petition No. CP 03-2, Petition Requesting Performance Standards for a System to Reduce or Prevent Injuries from Contact with the Blade of a Table Saw. In response to a request by the Power Tool Institute, Inc. to extend the comment period on the petition by 60 days, the Commission is extending it through Friday, November 7, 2003.

**DATES:** The Office of the Secretary must receive any comments on the petition not later than November 7, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be mailed, preferably in five copies, to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207-0001, or delivered to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Room 502, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814; telephone (301) 504-0800. Comments also may

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be filed by facsimile to (301) 504-0127 or by e-mail to cpsc-os@cpsc.gov. Comments should be captioned "Petition CP 03-2, Petition for Performance Standards for Table Saws."

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rockelle Hammond, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207; telephone (301) 504-6833, e-mail rhammond@cpsc.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Copies of the petition may be obtained from the Office of the Secretary. A copy of the petition is available for inspection at the Commission's Public Reading Room, Room 419, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland. The petition is also available on the CPSC world wide web site at:

<http://www.cpsc.gov/library/foia/foia03/petition/peti.html>.

Comments on the petition must be received by the Office of the Secretary not later than Friday, November 7, 2003.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Todd A. Stevenson, Secretary,  
Consumer Product Safety Commission