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From: Tim Wallace [timinator31@prodigy.net]
Sent: Sunday, June 11, 2000 5:38 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc gov
Subject: Petition HP 00-3--Candle Wicks

Office of the Secretary
Consumer Product Safety Commission
Washington, DC 20207

Re: Petition to ban wicks that contain lead from candle products

To whom this may concern:

I fully support the petition brought to your attention by the organization Public Citizen. I am a environmental health professional that has worked in a public health department for the last 10 years. In the past, I have been involved in conducting elevated blood-lead level investigations of lead poisoned children. There were times when I was unable to identify or isolate the actually source of the lead exposure for some of these investigations Could candles have been the missing source of lead in the home environment? I am not expecting you to answer this question, however I would like you to consider the issue this raises.

I applaud and commend the CPSC's decision to lower the legal limit of lead in residential **paint** back in 1978. I applaud the federal ban of lead in **gasoline** back in the seventies (by the EPA?). I appreciated the Commission's recent recall and notice on lead content of **vinyl miniblinds**. Here and Now, we are faced with the issue of lead content in **candle wicks** I would like to encourage the CPSC to use its federal authority to set and enforce legal limits of lead in candles. Consideration should be made for the most susceptible segments of our population (children and pregnant women) Personally, I consider this to be a no-brainer. In my opinion, this action would be in the best interest of all consumers within the United States of America.

Thank you for listening,

Regards,

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2055 Thomasville Rd #A202
Tallahassee, FL 32312

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Florida Environmental Health Association

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From: Steven Roth [smroth@mediaone net]

Sent: Sunday, June 11, 2000 5 59 PM

To: HREF="mailto·cpsc-os@cpsc.gov"@chmls06.mediaone.net

Subject: HP 00-3--Candle Wicks Containing Lead

As a consumer and physician I a am interested in banning lead from candle wicks. We need to decrease the degree of exposure of our nation's children to lead

Steven Roth, MD
2 Bartlett Road
Stratham NH

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From: Vryhappi@aol com
Sent: Sunday, June 11, 2000 8:31 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc gov
Cc: SWOLFE@citizen org, plurie@citizen org
Subject: Re: Petition HP 00-3--Candle Wicks Containing Lead

HOLLIE HOFFMAN
340 SUNSET DR. #607
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301
(954) 525-6040

May 31, 2000

Office of the Secretary
Consumer Product Safety Commission
Room 502
4330 East-West Highway
Bethesda, Maryland 20814

Re: Petition HP 00-3--Candle Wicks Containing Lead

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as my support of the petition to ban lead wick candles. I have been unknowingly purchasing these hazardous candles over the years, and the burning of these products has contributed to the progression of my respiratory illness and has caused irreparable damage to my home.

A few months ago, I had read in the newspaper that there was a "voluntary recall" on lead wick candles by the National Candle Association. However, two weeks later while visiting a gift shop, I noticed that all candles for sale in that store - most of which had labels stating "Made in the U.S." - contained lead wicks.

Unfortunately, we cannot rely on industry to regulate itself in order to protect consumers. Therefore, it is necessary for the Consumer Product Safety Commission to mandate a recall of these hazardous products.

Very truly yours,

Hollie Hoffman

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From: Phil Goodrum [goodrum@syrres com]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 11 04 AM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc gov
Cc: SWOLFE@citizen.org, plurie@citizen.org; RKFABF@aol.com, mylibrary@email msn.com
Subject: Petition HP 00-3--Candle WicksContaining Lead

To:
Office of the Secretary
Consumer Product Safety Commission
Washington, DC 20207
telephone (301) 504-0800

Dear Office of the Secretary:

As both an educator in Syracuse, NY (co-chair of the Syracuse Regional Lead Task Force) and a concerned citizen, I am writing in support of stricter regulations on the use of lead in candle wicks manufactured, sold, or distributed in the United States. During the past 25 years, we have made great strides in reducing childhood lead poisoning in the United States. We can thank the forsight of federal regulators at CPSC, U.S. EPA, and other agencies who were committed to reducing lead in gasoline, paint, diet, and the many home products that contributed to exposures among high-risk populations such as children and women of child-bearing age. However, recent national and local surveys, especially in poor, urban neighborhoods, suggests that pediatric blood lead levels need to be reduced further.

Lead is a ubiquitous health hazard that continues to be found in multiple sources available to children. The current focus of federal regulations and funding to reduce lead exposures is mainly (and appropriately) on remediation and abatement of lead in the indoor environment. As rates of childhood asthma are also on the rise, improving indoor air-quality should continue to be a priority. Clearly, any additional steps that address a potentially widespread source of exposure are worth pursuing. Issuing a ban, rather than a voluntary withdrawal, of candle wicks containing lead is a prudent, responsible, and health-protective action.

Sincerely,

Philip Goodrum

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Syracuse Research Corp. * 6225 Running Ridge Rd
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(Ph) 315-452-8413 * (Fx) 315-452-8440
goodrum@syrres.com
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From: kathy or david van dame [dvd kvd@juno.com]
Sent: Sunday, June 11, 2000 2 53 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc gov
Subject: Petition HP 00-3-Candle Wicks

Office of the Secretary
Consumer Product Safety Commission
Washington, DC 20207

Dear Secretary Brown,

This message is to ask you for the strongest possible action in removing candle wicks with lead from the American marketplace.

I understand that starting in the 1970's there was a voluntary ban on lead in candle wicks, but recent testing has revealed that there are currently candles with lead in wicks available & unlabeled in the US.

Not only does the burning of candles with leaded wicks expose the individuals present when the candle is burning, but also the lead is deposited as dust that retains its toxicity. Such dust is a particular risk to vulnerable infants & toddlers who explore the world with their mouths.

As part of an action to remove these dangerous products from the marketplace, the Consumer Product Safety Commission should prohibit the

import of leaded wick candles. This action is necessary to protect US consumers, but would have the collateral benefit of reducing the production world wide of leaded wick candles, creating benefits beyond our borders.

Please end the experiment with a voluntary ban & take action that will actually protect Americans from this insidious source of lead.

Peace,
Kathy Van Dame
Wasatch Clean Air Coalition
1148 East 6600 South #7
Salt Lake City, Utah 84121
(801)261-5989 dvd.kvd@juno.com

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From: Sarah I Johnston [sjds@wizvax.net]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 10.03 AM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc.gov
Subject: Comments on Petition HP 00-3

June 12, 2000
RE: Petition HP 00-3--Candle Wicks Containing Lead

Office of the Secretary
Consumer Product Safety Commission
Washington, DC 20207

Dear CPSC:

As a candle purchaser, I am outraged that lead is allowed in any candle wicks. I discovered this quite by accident, when I found little curls of metal in the glass containers of votive candles I used for a big event, where 250 people, including children, were enclosed with 250 burning lead-wick candles for 4 hours!!!!

This is a crazy situation that requires action on your part. It is beyond me how there can be an agency in place in charge of consumer product safety that has not acted to protect consumers from exposure to lead.

Sincerely,
Sarah L. Johnston
661 Lansing Rd.
Fultonville, NY 12072
(518)922-5204

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From: HARVEY, KIM (SBCSI) [kh8326@txmail sbc com]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 11:45 AM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc gov
Cc: iaq-owner@onelist.com, SWOLFE@citizen.org; plurie@citizen.org
Subject: Petition HP 00-3--Candle Wicks Containing Lead

I am writing this memo in support of Petition "HP 00-3 - Candle Wicks Containing Lead". Candles are becoming more and more popular as a way to enhance the beauty and ambiance of our homes. I am terribly disturbed to discover that the loving homes we try to create for our families could, in fact, be causing them harm. Didn't we outlaw lead in paint years ago? Why would we allow candle wicks to contain lead that could adversely affect our children?

Your help is needed to eliminate the unnecessary and potentially harmful exposure to lead to our family, and friends in our own homes.
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From: Kathleen CannCasciato [kcc@mumbly lib cwu edu]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 4.11 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc gov
Cc: SWOLFE@citizen org, plurie@citizen.org; RKFABF@aol com
Subject: Petition HP 00-3--Candle Wicks Containing Lead

Leaded candles should be banned and recalled -- immediately.

Kathleen CannCasciato
P.O. Box 244
Ellensburg, WA 98926

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From: Michelle Prebilic [verbmagic@earthlink net]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 4:13 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc gov
Subject: Lead in Candles

Please require that candle manufacturers remove the lead in candles so that they do not become an airborne hazard for children and adults. I'm sure that candle manufacturers have the intelligence and the resources to provide scented candles without the hazards associated with lead exposure. Please help them realize that they do Thank you for attention to this matter.

Michelle Prebilic
925.924.1107

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From: Phillips, Christina A [Christina Phillips@MW Boeing com]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 4.09 PM
To: 'cpsc-os@cpsc gov'
Subject: Petition HP 00-3--Candle Wicks

Lead should NOT be allowed to be used in candle wicks within this great country of ours. This should be a mandatory ban throughout the country. When the candle is burned, the lead becomes airborne. Lead causes problems for children whether it is eaten or inhaled. If a house has lead paint, the paint should be removed. We no longer allow paints to contain lead because of the harm caused to our children. But after the children get older, they no longer eat paint, but they do still breath. My daughter will be 8 this month. She should be able to have candles on her birthday cake, but not if it will cause any harm to her or the guests. But with lead in the wicks, it could. This needs to stop. Lead should not be allowed in candle wicks anywhere in this country.

Thank you for your time,
Christina Phillips

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From: Dr. Laura Foster [drfoster@attcanada ca]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 4.10 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc.gov
Subject: Lead in Candles

Importance: High

As a health care practitioner I urge you to ban the process of allowing lead in candle wicks. As I understand, it is voluntary for manufacturers to omit lead --> IT SHOULD BE MANDATORY. No level of lead is tolerable!!!

Dr. Laura Foster, BS., D.C.

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From: Michael_Lowdermilk@doh state.fl.us
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 2 04 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc.gov
Subject: Petition HP 00-3--Candle Wicks Containing Lead
Importance: High

Petition HP 00-3--Candle Wicks Containing Lead

Dear Sir/Madame:
Please record this electronic message as my support **for** a CSPC ban on lead containing candle wicks. I believe from the available literature and from my professional experience there is undoubtably a potential for unnecessary harm and an additive lead burden to children under age six when exposed indoors to lead fumes and lead particulate residues generated by burning lead wick candles. I am an experienced practicing environmental health specialist at a local public health department and have field experience in indoor air quality investigations and indoor carbon soot-like particulate deposition from candles as well as environmental investigations of elevated blood lead levels (EPA lead risk assessor).

Again it is my opinion that lead containing candle wicks do present an unnecessary health risk to children under age six living in homes where such candles are burned and as such should be banned by CSPC.

Sincerely,

Michael Lowdermilk
901 Evernia St.
West Palm Beach, FL 33401
561-355-3015

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From: Dee Wilson [eaatnite@acpub duke edu]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 2.53 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc gov
Cc: SWOLFE@citizen.org; plurie@citizen org, RKFABF@aol.com
Subject: Petition HP 00-3--Candle Wicks Containing Lead

Dear CPSC Representatives:
We need you to GET THE LEAD OUT on the issue of candle wicks containing lead. The paint industry was forced to comply , the candle industry can do
it too. Please pass mandatory, meaningful legislation to ban and recall any
candles with wicks containing lead. I have two dear little children and would never consider purposefully exposing them to lead. If you do not pass
the ban, then you are encouraging parents to ignore the consequences of exposure to a highly toxic agent. Please do what is best for the consumers,
as this is whom you are supposed to represent. Big business must fend for
itself. Thank you for your time and attention to this pressing concern!

Sincerely,
Deirdre A. Wilson
1221 Berkeley St.
Durham, NC 27705-3530

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From: jabasb [bkfamacad@surf1 de]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 2:57 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc gov
Subject: Petition HP 00-3--Candle Wicks

To Whom It May Concern - Add me to the numbers of people and organizations who are against lead in candles and candle wicks Please immediately ban lead in these products and initiate an immediate recall for all such products. The health of our children mandates this action be taken now! Thank you. Annie Brock (USAF wife stationed in Stuttgart, Germany)

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From: Amy Blodgett [blamy10@novagate net]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 3 11 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc.gov
Subject: "Petition HP 00-3--Candle Wicks

To whom it may concern:

I am sending the email urging the enactment of a mandated ban of lead in any
& all candles made or sold in the U.S. I find it difficult to believe that
it would be permissible to sell candles laden with lead to be sold to unsuspecting individuals- individuals who decorate their homes with candles,
and to whom these candles might be accessible to children.

Please- mandate this ban now!

Sincerely,

Amy Blodgett
blamy10@novagate.net
Spring Lake, MI

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From: EBAIETTOMD@aol.com
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 3.18 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc.gov
Subject: "Petition HP 00-3--Candle Wicks Containing Lead "

Greetings !!
If lead is in wick of and/or in candles and results in lead vapors, it
is
only common sense that lead be removed from candle manufacture.
Edward Baietto

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From: Lisa Zerby [lisaz@tbi.com]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 3 26 PM
To: 'cpsc-os@cpsc gov'
Subject: Petition HP 00-3--Candle Wicks

Please see that my request to ban candle wicks with lead is heard!!

Thank you!!

Lisa Zerby
972.255.8285

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From: Cherie Rivers [crivers@mos org]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 3:38 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc.gov
Subject: "Petition HP 00-3--Candle Wicks Containing Lead."

Card for Cherie Rivers

Dear Feingold Friends & Members,

Many of you will remember the article in our newsletter a few months ago about the lead in candle wicks. As you know, lead is one additive that everyone should avoid, and I believe leaded candles should be banned and recalled, the "voluntary ban" is not acceptable. They have had a voluntary ban now for many years -- which candle manufacturers have been ignoring.

Thank you.
Cherie Rivers

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From: Mike and Donna [mike donna@GTE.NET]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 3:34 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc gov
Subject: Petition HP 00-3--Candle Wicks

I am writing to request that leaded candles to banned and recalled from the
market. Lead is dangerous to children and NO ONE should be allowed to produce items which we know are dangerous to human health.

Thank you.

Donna Rutherford
4053 Bayberry Drive
Chino Hills CA 91709
909.597.8823

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From: Deborah S Corino [corino4@southwind.net]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 3:52 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc.gov
Cc: RKFABF@aol.com, plurie@citizen org; SWOLFE@citizen.org
Subject: Petition HP 00-3-- Candle Wicks Containing Lead

To whom it may concern,
Please make this a mandatory recall of all candles containing lead in the wicks. It has been a well know fact that lead ingestion or breathing the fumes or off gassing can lead to irreversible and harmful health risks, especially in children Children are at a very high risk of the health effects caused from lead due to there small body size. There are already multiple regulations in effect regarding the use of lead based products and the lead in the candle wicks should be no exception.
Thank you for your time and consideration to this urgent plea.
Deb Corino
The Corinos
corino4@southwind.net

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From: Outi Salminen [oms1@cornell edu]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 3.41 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc.gov
Cc: SWOLFE@citizen org, plurie@citizen org, RKFABF@aol com
Subject: Petition HP 00-3--Candle Wicks Containing Lead

Office of the Secretary
Consumer Product Safety Commission
Washington, DC 20207

Every attempt should be made to reduce the presence of hazardous contaminants in the environment. There is no excuse for the use of lead in candle wicks. The toxic effects of lead are well known; lead is also not a necessary compound in candle wicks.

Sincerely,

Outi Salminen
Ph.D. Candidate, Environmental Toxicology, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14850

M.Sc. Chemical Engineering, Helsinki University of Technology, Finland 1995
Handigraft instructor including candle making, Helsinki Youth Bureau, Finland 1989-1995

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From: Nathan Dalleska [nathand@its caltech edu]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 3.53 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc gov
Cc: SWOLFE@citizen.org, plurie@citizen org, RKFABF@aol.com
Subject: "Petition HP 00-3--Candle Wicks Containing Lead

As a consumer I am shocked and appalled to learn that it is permissible to add lead to candlewicks. Please act IMMEDIATELY to halt this poisoning of our countries indoor air. I will be passing along my concerns to my Representative and Congresspersons from the state of California. I hope the CPSC has the courage to stand up for the public's interest.

Sincerely,

Nathan F. Dalleska
2024 Ridgeview Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90041

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From: Eric Banford [efb13@cornell.edu]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 9 49 AM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc gov
Subject: Petition HP 00-3--Candle Wicks Containing Lead

Dear Consumer Product Safety Commission,

Candle wicks using lead should NOT be allowed to be sold in the US (or anywhere). Voluntary action is meaningless, so please enact legislation to
prohibit the production and sale of these dangerous products.

Sincerely,
Eric Banford
Ithaca, NY

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From: Chetana Acharya [chetana@alaw org]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 11:28 AM
To: 'cpsc-os@cpsc gov'
Subject: Petition HP 00-3--Candle Wicks

The American Lung Association of Washington supports the ban of lead in any and all candles made and sold in the US.

Everyone benefits from clean air, but it is vital for children Children, whose lungs and immune systems are still developing, are at most risk from the volatilized lead present in the candles of concern. The health effects of exposure to lead has been well documented with both short and long term neurodevelopmental effects.

The Lung Association urges the Consumer Product Safety Commission's leadership in preventing children's exposure to chemical pollutants altogether, by banning exposure to this known health hazard

Chetana Acharya

Environmental Health Program Manager

American Lung Association of Washington

2625 3rd Ave, Seattle WA 98121

(206) 441-5100

fax: (206) 441-3277

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From: LindaLancz@aol com
Sent: Sunday, May 21, 2000 4:40 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc gov
Subject: No Subject

To: cpsc-os@cpsc.gov
Regarding - HP 00-3--Ban Candle Wicks Containing Lead.''

To reduce the risk of hazardous exposure to lead, we request manufacturers to eliminate the use of lead candle wicks that may be accessible to children from products used in or around households, schools, or in recreation. We also recommend that, before purchasing products for resale, importers, distributors, and retailers obtain assurances from manufacturers that those products do not contain lead that may be accessible to children

The adverse health effects of lead poisoning in children are well-documented and may have long-lasting or permanent consequences. These effects include neurological damage, delayed mental and physical development, attention and learning deficiencies, and hearing problems. Because lead accumulates in the body, even exposures to small amounts of lead can contribute to the overall level of lead in the blood and to the subsequent risk of adverse health effects. Therefore, any unnecessary exposure of children or adults to lead should be avoided."

This entire controversy could have an immediate, cost effective and easily enforceable remedy - eliminate metal core wicks all together ...there's no expensive testing, no wiggle room, no guessing...in my opinion it's the only responsible and enforceable thing to do. It is totally irresponsible to allow this practice to continue when we know as much as we do about the effects of lead.

We all pay the price for lead exposures since research has shown what only a few years ago used to be considered slight or permissible exposures can rob children of their learning potential & the hope of what "might have been,"
increased health care costs from treating the myriad of health complications from lead exposures and as a society we pay the price in drop out rates,
increased crime, aggressive behavior and domestic violence...all of

which
studies have shown are influenced by lead & other heavy metal uptake.

Rev. John and Linda Lancz

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From: Hall, Cybal [cyhall@cfi-hollywood com]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 4.25 PM
To: 'cpsc-os@cpsc.gov'
Cc: 'SWOLFE@citizen.org', 'plurie@citizen org', 'RKFAB@aol.com'
Subject: "Petition HP 00-3--Candle Wicks Containing Lead

To Whom It May Concern,
It is with deepest concern, that I send this e-mail with my thoughts and the
issues relating to the use of lead in candles. I have 4 teenage and younger
daughters who are candle addicts and 2 of which are asthmatic. On average,
candles burn in our home on a daily basis, up to 2-3 hours. Those candles
which present a risk to the health of those who burn them, should be
recalled and should have a legal mandatory ban.
Most products which have lead in them, no matter how little, have warnings
that go along with them. Most of which do not expose as much as burning a
lead containing candle. This is an unnecessary source of lead, that can be
controlled and something should be done to prevent the unnecessary source of
lead found in candles.
Thank You,
Cybal Hall

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From: SheenP@aol.com
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 4.27 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc gov
Subject: Banning lead in candles

URGENT Lead in Candles - Your...

Please do not rely on candle manufactures and stores, who have nothing to gain financially, by recalling their candles that have lead wics. It will not happen. A forced ban must be enacted or no action will take place.

Best regards,
Sheen Perkins
2100 King Edward Dr.
Reno, NV 89503

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From: Shula Edelkind [shula@feingold.org]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 8.30 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc gov
Subject: Petition HP 00-3--Candle Wicks Containing Lead

Sirs,

I request that candles containing lead in their wicks be banned and those in the market be recalled.

You would ban and recall a toy found to contain lead, wouldn't you? You banned gasoline containing lead. At the very least, such candles should be clearly marked -- "CONTAINS LEAD. CAN CAUSE BRAIN DAMAGE. DO NOT INHALE." or something of that sort, so that people can make intelligent choices.

Sincerely,

Shula Edelkind
PO Box 95265
Atlanta, GA 30347
404-315-7615

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From: Shula Edelkind [shula@feingold.org]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 2.09 PM
To: Friends&Members@feingold org
Subject: URGENT: Lead in Candles - Your Comment Needed today

Dear Feingold Friends & Members,

Many of you will remember the article in our newsletter a few months ago about the lead in candle wicks. As you know, lead is one additive that everyone should avoid, and can be a source of behavioral problems. in children.

I have just now received this urgent 11th hour request for your comments on whether the leaded candles should be banned and recalled, or whether a "voluntary ban" will be acceptable. They have had a voluntary ban now for many years -- which candle manufacturers have been ignoring.

The deadline is TODAY, June 12, 2000.
Your comments may make the difference.
Send E-mail to **<cpsc-os@cpsc.gov>**
or send fax to **(301) 504-0127**

Subject heading must be:
"Petition HP 00-3--Candle Wicks Containing Lead."

Below my name is the request I have received, in full, with many links to more information.

Thank you for your time and your help.

Shula Edelkind, webmaster
The Feingold® Association of the United States
http://www.feingold.org

TO SUBSCRIBE: Send e-mail to ON@feingold.org
TO UNSUBSCRIBE: Send e-mail to OFF@feingold.org

FROM:
Cathy Flanders
IAQ List Manager & Moderator
<iaq-owner@onelist.com>

Fax # 781-394-8288
<RKFABF@aol.com>

Dear Friends & Fellow Children's Health Advocates -

As you may have heard by now Public Citizen & Health Research Group has filed a petition to issue a legally mandatory ban & recall on the use of lead in candle wicks. I'm hoping to enlist your help by submitting your comments in writing in support of enacting a mandated ban of lead in any & all candles made or sold in the U.S. The deadline for comments is tomorrow June 12th; however, a representative from the CPSC's Office of General Council called Friday to inform me that they would accept & consider late arriving comments submitted. Please try to get your comments in at your earliest possible convenience

ADDRESSES: Comments on the petition should be sent to:
<cpsc-os@cpsc.gov>
or faxed to (301) 504-0127

Write the subject heading:
"Petition HP 00-3--Candle Wicks
Containing Lead."

Please be sure to CC the following addresses:

<SWOLFE@citizen.org>
<plurie@citizen.org>
<RKFABF@aol.com>

See comments submitted by Public Citizen & Health Research Group
http://www.citizen.org/hrg/PUBLICATIONS/1510.htm#Supplemental%20letter

This is an action that is so long overdue, necessary & attainable - but the deadline on June 12th is quickly approaching. Countries that are involved with free trade with the US are encouraged to submit comment as well. If you are active in other environmental & public health advocacy lists or groups or keep in contact with people that would support this - it would be so appreciated if you could circulate this with some of the groups you associate with. The petition needs all the support that can possibly be brought together. This is truly a case of every letter counts or they will & fully intend to sweep this again right under the rug with another unenforceable, voluntary and basically meaningless, ban, clearly this is not in the best interests or the safety and welfare of consumers, their families & especially their children or even the "hands-on" candle makers themselves. [The industry & their trade association are pushing for a more lax voluntary action rather than mandatory ban.].

This was an issue back in 1973 & 1974 & should have been taken care of then but in spite of the EPA Administrator at the time urging a mandatory ban...a

voluntary ban was approved and then not complied with or even monitored. The EPA study that Mr. Train references was performed in 1974 & determined that -

"Burning only two candles three hours each day on a regular basis in the home could increase exposure to airborne lead by a factor of 5 or more. This exposure to lead from candles could equal or exceed the exposure to airborne lead associated with the busiest freeways in America." [keep in mind this was a time when leaded gasoline was still fairly commonplace]. "Inhabitants of homes in which lead wick candles are burned could be exposed to substantial incremental quantities of lead which, if continued on a regular basis would pose a significantly high risk to health especially among children." Mr. Train goes on to say: "In my opinion candles represent an unnecessary incremental source of lead that can readily be controlled. It is my strong recommendation that the Consumer Product Safety Commission do all in it's power to prevent exposure to the substantial and unnecessary source of lead in candles."

To read the complete copy of the referenced letter & other related documents* go to: http://www.fiscorp.net/iaq/docs
* These are all copies of documents from 1973 & 1974.

If you would like to read more on the current pending petitions, these 2 links will fill you in on the details:

Petition to ban lead candles
http://www.citizen.org/hrg/PUBLICATIONS/1510.htm

http://www.citizen.org/press/pr-sid29.htm
Millions of Dangerous Candles Sold Throughout U.S.; Lead Wicks Pose Major Health & Safety Hazard, Especially to Children

At any rate, the CPSC is taking comments from the public regarding this proposal until June 12th. It's unbelievable that in the year 2000 we even need a petition & comment period to ban an insidious poison consumers may be unwittingly releasing into their homes & attempt to fix an erroneous policy on lead in candles from 26 years ago. But the fact remains that's where we stand now. I hope I can count on your participation in submitting comments, possibly even encourage like minded individuals to submit comments as well by sending this out to the other groups & individuals to which you are a member or have affiliations with.

The CPSC site also has a copy of the petition available:

http://www.cpsc.gov/businfo/frnotices/fr00/wicks.html
Petition HP 00-3 Requesting a Ban of Candle Wicks Containing Lead and of Candles Containing Such Wicks -- Comments accepted until 6/12/00

This whole issue was raised & attracted the attention of the media & public health officials by a Mom, how fitting it would be if a flood of comments from Mothers was responsible for instituting an enforceable ban & possibly a

Federal Law...correcting the mistake of almost 3 decades of looking the other way. http://www.fiscorp net/iaq/docs
* These are all copies of documents from 1973 & 1974.

After all it is women for the most part that make this product [especially crafters], purchase this product, we are the ones that burn them, consequently we & our children face the most significant exposures. Since women & their children are the most affected by these products we need to have a voice for our children that sends a clear message for consideration on behalf of our families. For instance did you know that 7 out of 10 homes burn candles on what would be considered a regular basis, according to a Kline & Co. study.... Or that 96% of women have purchased scented candles in the past 12 months? If this isn't a women's & children's issue I don't know what is!

My heartfelt appreciation to those who take the time to respond in support of this petition. I will keep you apprised of the petition's progress if you like.

Feel free to contact me if you have any unanswered questions pertaining to the petition or the issue in general.

Regards -
Cathy Flanders
IAQ List Manager & Moderator
E-Mail: <iaq-owner@onelist.com>
Fax # 781-394-8288
Personal E-Mail: <RKFABF@aol.com>

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Candles and Indoor Air Quality
http://www.fiscorp.net/iaq
http://disc.server.com/Indices/41692.html
Homeowners Soot Damage Discussion
http://disc.server.com/Indices/41692.html

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From: AKchum@aol com
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 4 27 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc gov
Subject: Ban lead in candle wicks!

Please see to it that lead is banned as an ingredient in candle wicks. The
ban should be mandatory rather than voluntary. This risk to our health is
intolerable.

Sincerely,

Linda Martin
akchum@aol.com

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From: MEC [webdesign@growminds com]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 4 40 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc gov
Subject: Petition HP 00-3--Candle Wicks

To whom it may concern,

I'm sending this email to request a ban of candle wicks containing lead and of
candles containing such wicks.

Thank you,
MEC

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Stevenson, Todd A.

From: Lindenwood@aol com
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 4 41 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc.gov
Subject: Petition HP 00-3-- Candle Wicks Containing Lead

Please, please do everything in your power to pass a ban -- not a voluntary ban, but a true, enforcable one -- on lead used in candle wicks.

It is nearly impossible for me to believe that while lead was eliminated from paint years ago, that while my children must be tested for lead levels at several of their childhood check-ups, that the candles we burn at our dinner table may be emitting this incredibly toxic substance, and no one seems to care. I know that dealing with an international community at the production level is difficult, but this is important -- it's our children, for heavens sake. And if the bottom line is all that matters, I'm sure that the cost of treating lead poisoning far exceeds the cost of a ban.

Thanks for hearing me out. I was shocked to learn this. I hope that something can be done -- and the sooner the better.

Linda Wood
Omaha, NE

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From: Griffin, Marysue [MGriffin@wmcd com]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 4.39 PM
To: 'cpsc-os@cpsc gov'
Subject: Petition HP 00-3--Candle Wicks

I support the Public Citizen & Health Research Group's petition to issue a
legally mandatory ban & recall on the use of lead in candle wicks. This is
an important health issue, and the voluntary ban has not been enough.

Marysue Griffin
14119 Ramsey Court
Chester, VA 23831

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From: Gail Brewster [morgan@happy-kids com]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 4.46 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc.gov
Subject: Ban Lead in Candle wicks

Please ban lead in candle wicks.
Please ban lead in candle wicks.
Please ban lead in candle wicks.
Please ban lead in candle wicks.

Thank you

Gail Brewster
Author/Publisher

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The Voucher System, Behavior Management Program
Gail Brewster
P.O. Box 784, Bangor, ME 04402-0784
http://www.happy-kids.com/ 1-888-639-9909

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From: Susan Z. Attas [slzattas@erols.com]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 4.54 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc.gov
Subject: Petition HP 00-3--Candle Wicks

Importance: High

Hello,
I would like to comment regarding Petition HP 00-3--Candle Wicks Containing Lead.

I request that the CPSC have a mandatory recall of all candles containing lead in the wicks, and that the use of lead in candle wicks be banned in new manufacturing. Lead is very dangerous to both adults and children; consumers cannot tell by looking at a candle whether or not it contains lead which makes it difficult for consumers to avoid lead. Please ban the use of lead in candles and require a mandatory recall.

Thank you.
Susan Attas
1401 Carrington Lane
Vienna, VA 22182
(703)759-6439

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From: Tim Pitts [TimPitts@peoplepc com]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 5:05 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc.gov
Subject: Candle Wicks petition

To WHOM it may concern,

I am in favor of the Petition HP 003 --Candle Wicks These candles need to be recalled, as these pose a threat to human health. The lead wicks are dangerous, especially to children, and the toxins (fragrances) are dangerous to everyone. Companies need to realize that eventually this crap catches up with people and consumers are not being told the truth.

Luckily, we now have the internet and time and perserverence will change the greediness in this country

Connie Pitts
2570 S. Ouray Way
Aurora, CO 80013
3030-755-6047

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From: SDallas [imdallas2@earthlink net]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 5.15 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc gov
Cc: SWOLFE@citizen org, plurie@citizen org; RKFABF@aol.com
Subject: PETITION HP 00-3--CANDLE WICKS CONTAINING LEAD!

LEAD IN CANDLE WICKS ! AN ABSOLUTE UNNECESSARY RISK !

Please make a mandatory recall !

Sincerely
Stacy Dallas (VA)

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From: HBNEWZ@aol.com
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 5 30 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc gov
Cc: shula@feingold.org
Subject: "Petition HP 00-3--Candle Wicks Containing Lead."

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Please require that candle makers recall candle wicks that contain lead.
As I am certain your are aware, lead poisoning is a very dangerous threat to
children
and even MORE DANGEROUS to the many parents that are unaware of this.
I am certain that many parents will want to protect their children from lead
poisoning.

As you would recall a toy, you should also recall the candles.
You may think the chances are rare for a child to be in danger, as many people thought about guns so many years ago.

If any of you have children in your immediate family or know childrern thorugh relatives, friends, and associates,

I am trusting that your conscience will motivate you to protect the children
and recall candle wicks containing lead.

Sincerely,
Joanna Ammons
hbnewz@aol.com
6544 N. Sacramento Ave #2
Chicago, IL 60645

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From: BIENSKI@aol com
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 5 39 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc.gov
Subject: "Petition HP 00-3--Candle Wicks Containing Lead."

To whom it may concern:
I wish to voice my opinion. I think that there should be a mandatory ban on
all candle wicks containing lead in any amount or form. I do not believe
that a voluntary ban is sufficient to stop this harmful manufacturing. Pleas
stop hurting out children'
Please consider the public demands.
Sincerely concerned,
Robin Moon

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From: walter angel [jaz747@worldnet.att.net]

Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 5.49 PM

To: cpsc-os@cpsc gov

Subject: Mandatory ban of leaded candles!

As a mother of a 7 year old boy born with Exstrophy of the bladder I'm in favor of the mandatory ban of leaded candles. My son also has ADHD which is worsen by the effects of the many chemicals, additives and artificial flavors, colorings, and fragrances inserted in our food, perfumes and everything around us.
Knowing that they are harmful, it is irresponsible and unacceptable that they are still around.
The voluntary recall does not effectively work because it is hard to keep it out of the families that don't know about their side effects, and because they are still being made or imported to the USA.
I'm very much for banning anything that will make the environment of our children safe; for them as well as for every living being.

Sincerely

Liliana Angel

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From: RJLLKane@aol.com
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 5:48 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc.gov
Subject: Petition HP 00-3--Candle Wicks Containing Lead

Please ban and recall candle wicks containing lead. This is an unnecessary
risk to which many will unknowingly expose their children. A voluntary ban
is not enough.

Thank you,

Laura Kane

~~Stevenson, Todd A.~~

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From: Susan V Grumman [sukı_g@juno com]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 5:51 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc.gov
Cc: SWOLFE@citizen org, plurie@citizen.org; RKFABF@aol com
Subject: "Petition HP 00-3--Candle Wicks Containing Lead

Re: "Petition HP 00-3--Candle Wicks Containing Lead."

Dear Madam or Sir:

Please BAN all candle wicks which contain lead. Our homes don't need "silent" poisons!

Thank you,
Susan Grumman
Issaquah, WA

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From: Lang Christine [lang_christine@bah.com]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 6:10 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc gov; swolfe@citizen org; plurie@citizen.org; rkfabf@aol com
Subject: Petition HP00-3--Candle Wicks Containing Lead

I am strongly opposed to the manufacture and sale of all candles containing lead and am asking that there be a legal mandatory ban on candles containing led.

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From: The Loch Family [loch@peppersnet com]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 6:15 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc.gov
Cc: SWOLFE@citizen org, plurie@citizen.org; RKFABF@aol com
Subject: Petition HP 00-3--Candle Wicks

In response to whether the lead in candle wicks should be banned, please count this as a YES. Obviously the voluntary recall/ban has not been effective. The health of our children and families should be of utmost concern of the CSPC. I urge you to issue this recall and make the manufacturers take this issue seriously.

Thank you,
Shannon Loch
207 Minter St.
Uvalde, TX 78801

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From: lmadjohn@aol.com
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 6:31 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc gov
Cc: SWOLFE@citizen org, plurie@citizen.org; Rkfabf@aol.com
Subject: Petition HP 00-3--Candle Wicks Containing Lead.

Please ban the use of lead in candle wick's.
We need to do this for our children's health!

Stevenson, Todd A.

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From: Lo2go@aol com
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 6:38 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc gov
Subject: "Petition HP 00-3--Candle Wicks Containing Lead."

Please add my voice to those of the many concerned citizen requesting a mandatory ban on candle wick lead. Thank You

V.Cooper
875 Franklin Rd
Marietta, GA

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From: Marie [mwisemiu@mindspring com]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 7.03 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc gov, SWOLFE@citizen org, plurie@citizen org, RKFABF@aol com
Subject: Petition HP 00-3--Candle Wicks Containing Lead

To Whom It May Concern;

I feel that it is sinful that you allow candles to be sold by the millions to unsuspecting consumers who would not knowingly contaminate their homes and their families with a known poison. Gasoline, paint and other products containing lead have been banned for sale in this country for years, in the hopes that we can save our children's minds and bodies from a dangerous substance. Not banning lead containing candle wicks would be unconscionable. Please support the ban.

Marieann Wise-Miu (mother of two)
Alpharetta, GA

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From: Pstes@aol.com
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 7:05 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc gov
Subject: Petition HP 00-3--Candle Wicks Containing Lead.

Please, in the interest of the health of children as well as adults, ban and recall all candles containing lead-core wicks. For so many years I have enjoyed burning scented candles in our home and had absolutely no idea that such a practice could be harming my health or that of my son. It greatly concerns me that candle producers have so far ignored a "volunary" ban and have continued to produce candles that could cause harmful effects on children. My own son does have a difficult time with behavior, and I will always wonder if I contributed to that in any way by burning candles in our home.

For the peace of mind of every mother in this country, PLEASE enforce a mandatory ban on the use of lead in candle wicks.

Thank you

Pamela Tesoriero

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From: james michling [jpm@greatlakes net]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 5:37 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc gov
Subject: PetitionHP oo-3--candle wicks containing lead

To Whom it May Concern,

Please vote to ban these dangerous candlewicks since the voluntary ban has
not proved effective to protect the public from these harmful fumes.

Thank-you,
Margaret Michling

~~Stevenson, Todd A.~~

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From: Evett5of5@aol.com
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 7 33 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc.gov
Subject: Petition HP 003 Candle Wicks containing Lead

I would like these particular leaded wicks to be banned and recalled. I as a
consumer do buy several candles and am appalled that they would have lead in
them.
Helen Evett

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~~Stevenson, Todd A.~~

From: Greg Gabry [ggabry@sprintmail.com]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 8.11 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc gov
Subject: lead candle wicks

Hi, I understand from an e-mail forwarded from Feingold that there is currently a debate about the recall and/or ban on candle wicks with lead. It is my opinion that our kids have enough to deal with in our world that we should do all we can to protect tham from unnecessary hazards! This is one that would not hurt anyone to ban but could have a lasting effect on the health of the people who use these candles. Failure to act would be approving something with a known health risk. That to me is unacceptable. And as far as I know, it is use candles at your own risk as they are not marked so that people could even avoid them if they chose!

Sincerely,
D. Gabry

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From: Alecia11@aol com
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2000 12.30 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc.gov
Subject: Fwd: URGENT: Lead in Candles - Your Comment Needed today

URGENT. Lead in Candles - Your.

I am very concerned that many candles contain lead. I enjoy burning candles in my home and I also burn candles for religious purposes. I have young children and I was completely unaware that I was exposing them to harmful substances. I will no longer burn candles that contain lead. Please enforce this ban and require labels on all substances used in the home.

Thank you,
Alecia Caine
Ventura, CA

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From: John & Sally Sobey [jsobey@ev1.net]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 8 48 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc gov
Subject: Lead Candles

Ban the daggum candles containing lead.

J&S Sobey

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~~Stevenson, Todd A.~~

From: N Gross [ngross@a-znet.com]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 9:40 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc.gov
Subject: Petition HP 00-3-Candle Wicks containing Lead

I support enacting a mandated ban of lead in any and all candles make or sold in the U.S

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~~Stevenson, Todd A.~~

From: kmallory [kmallory@gateway net]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 9:23 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc.gov
Subject: "Petition HP 00-3--Candle Wicks

Please remove lead candles from the market They should be ban and recalled.

Thanks,

Mary Kimberly Wendling Mallory, OTR

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From: David E Coolbaugh [danick74@juno com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2000 12:00 AM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc gov
Subject: Petition HP 00-3--Candle wicks containing lead

Dear Sir,

Please put a stop to this!! Any parent can be in a house or business burning these lead candles. Since I know first hand what lead can do to a child (learning delays); I know that I would never purchase a candle with a lead wick; but many people have no idea that they can cause harm and do purchase them.

Isn't our environment toxic enough?

Cheryl Coolbaugh
Concerned parent/citizen

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From: Brian [bpearce@ticnet com]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 10:16 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc gov
Subject: Petition HP 00-3--Candle Wicks

Please make it unlawful to have lead in candle wicks Lead is a known toxic metal Candles have been made for thousands of years without it.

Thanks,
Brian Pearce
Precinct Chairman 4077th Rep, TX

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From: David Davis [davisdavidd@alltel net]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 10 34 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc gov
Cc: David Davis
Subject: Petition HP 00-3-- Candles wicks containing lead

I am very sad that I would have to write a letter such as this one. I feed my children a wounderful diet,teach them right from wrong,show them that they need to think about others befor they act. We have banned cigarett aids on t v. and send our children to classes that teach them drugs are a one way street, have them sign papers saying that they will not drink and drive. We also tell them if they have a problem that they want to do something about they can go to a higher source,our government Then they see companies out there making things that can harm others and ignore the fact that they are doing this for a money profit Pretty sad when money stands in the way of our brothers and sisters health. This should have never gone this far. There is a health risk. There should be no thought about this going any further We need to make a stand for our children and their children before it is to late I am writing this letter to ban any lead containg candles
Thank You,
Angela, and her 6 wounderful angels

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From: George Bavolak [bavolakelect@earthlink net]
Sent: Friday, January 01, 1904 10 22 AM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc gov
Subject: Petition HP 00-3--Candle Wicks Containing Lead

To whome it may concern,
Please make the ban on led in candels manditory. Thank you. George Bavolak 612-927-8396

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From: Adhdpuzzle@aol com
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 11.09 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc.gov
Subject: Lead

Pass regulations to ensure NO lead in candle wicks!!!

Elizabeth Strickland, MS, RD, CD
Pediatric Nutritionist

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From: calliandra murray [callim@pacbell net]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2000 11 19 PM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc gov
Cc: SWOLFE@citizen org; Plurie@citizen.org; RKFABF@aol.com
Subject: petition HP00-3--Candlewicks containing lead

To whom it may concern:

I do believe that candlewicks containing lead should be recalled and banned.

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From: Rkfabf@aol com
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2000 2.50 AM
To: cpsc-os@cpsc gov
Subject: "Petition HP 00-3--Candle Wicks Containing Lead."

Greetings CPSC -

As I understand it the potential for a ban on lead in candle wicks will be watered down to yet another voluntary action & .1% lead in wicks would still be permissible. I am of the opinion that a voluntary ban failed miserably over the last 25 or 26 years why would you assume the outcome to be any different now than it was then? There is no evidence to indicate that a new one would be any more binding or effective, especially in light of the misinformation that the NCA continues to present to the public & the media to this day. Haven't we learned anything from the faux-pax of 26 years ago?

Allowing ANY amount of lead in a consumer product when clearly there are alternatives is not in the best interests of consumers or public health. The CPSC & the NCA appear to have their own private agenda with regard to how this issue has been handled back then and it continues to date. With most products containing lead that the CPSC issues a directive to recall &/or ban the press release will say something to the effect of "...young children can ingest lead ..." or "...presents a potential lead poisoning hazard to young children." and often times contact with the lead would have to be out of the realm of what would be considered normal or customary use. On the other hand, with candles it's not just a possibility but rather a certainty that candles with lead core wicks will expose occupants to measurable quantities of lead when this product is used as intended and directions followed to the letter. This product doesn't just expose the consumer that uses the product but everyone within the home. And the risk of exposure isn't limited to only when the product is being handle or used. The sub-micron lead particles emitted from burning candles with lead in the wick can remain airborne for days & even weeks. Once the particles have settled there is the risk of a secondary exposure But it doesn't stop there - consider the route of entry &

size of particulate, uptake by inhalation results in nearly a 100% absorption
rate vs. gut uptake which can be between 10% to 40% absorption.

The frivolous handling of this problem couldn't be in more contrast with the
CPSC's Guidance Policy on Lead in Consumer Products even if it was intended.

THE FOLLOWING TEXT IS A VERBATIM EXCERPT FROM THE CPSC's OWN <A HREF="http://www.cpsc.gov/businfo/frnotices/fr99/lead.html">Codification of
Guidance Policy on Lead in Consumer Products</A>

"...(2) To reduce the risk of hazardous exposure to lead, the Commission requests manufacturers to eliminate the use of lead that may be accessible to children from products used in or around households, schools, or in recreation. The Commission also recommends that, before purchasing products for resale, importers, distributors, and retailers obtain assurances from manufacturers that those products do not contain lead that may be accessible to children.

(b) Hazard. Young children are most commonly exposed to lead in consumer products from the direct mouthing of objects, or from handling such objects and subsequent hand-to-mouth activity. The specific type and frequency of behavior that a child exposed to a product will exhibit depends on the age of the child and the characteristics and pattern of use of the product. The adverse health effects of lead poisoning in children are well-documented and may have long-lasting or permanent consequences. These effects include neurological damage, delayed mental and physical development, attention and learning deficiencies, and hearing problems. Because lead accumulates in the body, even exposures to small amounts of lead can contribute to the overall level of lead in the blood and to the subsequent risk of adverse health effects. Therefore, any unnecessary exposure of children to lead should be avoided."

As a consumer, and more importantly a parent, I must say I'm deeply distressed that the CPSC when faced with the opportunity to take decisive
action failed to do so and instead deferred to the candle industry's trade
organization to determine policy. The question of impropriety just begs to
be asked simply because nothing else makes any sense for this type of foot
dragging. After all we are talking about toxic lead in a "non-essential"

consumer product that has no warning or caution requirements on consumer

labeling what so ever furthermore there are better performing alternative
materials already available.

I feel rather strongly that absolutely no lead should be permitted, that

would in effect do away with metal core wicks because all metal wicks have
tested positive for measurable amounts of lead. I say good riddance, soldering fumes from burning any metal have no place in the home environment
& like I said there are equally or even superior performing alternatives that

are available in the industry NOW [cotton & paper core wicks]. Are they prepared to provide consumers with a total number of candles that can be burned at one time, over a week, over a year or over a lifetime in order for them to "pace" their lead exposures to maintain a permissible level of uptake? And what about the residual lead that will continue to accumulate on surfaces in the home, especially carpets? Should candles be sold with a lead monitoring kit or devise, or consumers wear lead measuring monitors on their lapels much as x-ray technicians & dental workers do? However, if they insist on arguing the necessity of metal core wicks to the industry I'm going to propose that the CPSC mandate that these products be labeled "Contains Lead " in a conspicuous manner so as to afford the consumer the opportunity to make an informed choice at the time of purchase &/or use. If this label would influence a buying decision then it's imperative that it be labeled, consumers shouldn't be treated like children & be placed in the precarious position of having to trust a manufacturer or seller [that stands to profit from the sale of a product] to judge for them what is safe & what isn't and what is an acceptable level of poison. I can tell you without any hesitation if the candles I had purchased & used had so much as hinted at any lead content not only would I not have bought them but they couldn't have given them to me. Furthermore, suppose a manufacturer steps over the .1% limit & the consumer later discovers this, what recourse is there for the consumer who has been deceived into thinking the product was safe? [it should be noted that this would be at additional expense for the consumer to determine, whereas it is pretty straightforward for a consumer on their own to identify if a wick contains metal or not]. Are there any consequences from the CPSC or NCA ? It's not unlike a parent that tells a child not to do something that is unsafe, or "else"...without a clue as to what the "or else" will be, it's a tiger without teeth. From my own experience I can assure you that litigation is not an appealing remedy, more like a daunting effort from finding an attorney who can effectively argue the case, to funding costly testing & analysis to the invasion of one's personal & private life which will be delved into through interrogatories & depositions. And all this with no assurance that the candle manufacturer &/or seller will be held accountable to the consumer. It's an expensive, time consuming and often

invasive ordeal for the consumer that could have been avoided all together
with the placement of an obvious label to disclose lead content of the product.

This entire controversy could have had an immediate, cost effective and easily enforceable remedy - eliminate metal core wicks all together...there's
no expensive testing, no wiggle room, no guessing...in my opinion it's the
only responsible and enforceable thing to do, period.

We all pay the price for lead exposures since research has shown what only a
few years ago used to be considered slight or permissible exposures can rob
children of their learning potential & the hope of what "might have been",
increased health care costs from treating the myriad of health complications
from lead exposures and as a society we pay the price in drop out rates,

increased crime, aggressive behavior and domestic violence...all of which
studies have shown are influenced by lead & other heavy metal uptake.

With all that in mind I respectfully request that consumer's concerns be put
first when you ultimately consider what action is appropriate. It's not too
late to correct the mistake made over 2 decades ago.

Thank-you for what I hope will be your thoughtful consideration.

Regards -
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Subject: mandatory ban on candles containing led

Hello, is anybody listening out there ?Lead is a recognized carcinagen--cancer causative .**Cancer Definition**
Chemical carcinogenesis is defined as the induction of neoplasms (cancerous growths) as a result of exposure to toxic substances. Carcinogenic chemicals may induce carcinomas (malignant tumors of epithelial tissue), sarcomas (malignant tumors of connective tissue) and benign tumors in humans or laboratory animals. Chemically induced cancer generally develops many years after exposure to a toxic agent. A latency period of as much as thirty years has been observed between exposure to asbestos, for example, and incidence of lung cancer. Cancer results from a series of genetic alterations that leads to the progressive disruption of the normal mechanisms controlling cellular growth. The transformation of a normal cell into a cancerous growth is a multistage process that occurs gradually over time.

There are many well-known examples of chemicals that can cause cancer in humans. The fumes of the metals cadmium, nickel, and chromium are known to cause lung cancer. Vinyl chloride has been associated with liver sarcomas. Exposure to arsenic increases the risk of skin and lung cancer. Tobacco smoking is the major cause of cancers of the lung, larynx, and bladder, and is an important cause of cancers of the pancreas and kidney. Leukemia can result from chemically induced changes in bone marrow from exposure to benzene and cyclophosphamide, among other toxicants. Other chemicals, including benzo[a]pyrene and ethylene dibromide, are considered by authoritative scientific organizations to be probably carcinogenic in humans because they are potent carcinogens in animals.

For further general information on chemicals and carcinogenicity, see the following references:

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- Among other things it is toxic....**Neurotoxicity Definition**
  Neurotoxicity is defined as adverse effects on the structure or functioning of the central and/or peripheral nervous system that result from exposure to chemical substances. Neurotoxicants can cause morphological changes that lead to generalized damage to nerve cells (neuronopathy), injury to axons (axonopathy), or destruction of the myelin sheath (myelinopathy). It is well established that exposure to certain agricultural and industrial chemicals can damage the nervous system, resulting in neurological and behavioral dysfunction. Symptoms of neurotoxicity include muscle weakness, loss of sensation and motor control, tremors, alterations in cognition, and impaired functioning of the autonomic nervous system

  The central nervous system (CNS) is composed of the brain and spinal cord. It is responsible for the higher functions of the nervous system (conditioned reflexes, learning, memory, judgment, and other functions of the mind). Chemicals toxic to the CNS can induce confusion, fatigue, irritability, and other behavioral changes. Methyl mercury and lead are known CNS toxicants. Exposure to these metals can also cause degenerative

diseases of the brain (encephalopathy).

The peripheral nervous system (PNS) includes all the nerves not in the brain or spinal cord. These nerves carry sensory information and motor impulses. Damage to the nerve fibers of the PNS can disrupt communication between the CNS and the rest of the body. The organic solvents carbon disulfide, n- hexane,and trichloroethylene can harm the PNS, resulting in weakness in the lower limbs, prickling or tingling in the limbs (paresthesia), and loss of coordination.

Exposure to chemical agents can trigger a wide range of adverse effects on the nervous system. Neurotoxic substances can alter the propagation of nerve impulses or the activity of neurotransmitters and can disrupt the maintenance of the myelin sheath or the synthesis of protein. As a result, neurotoxicological assessments require the administration of a battery of functional and observational tests. Neurotoxicity in humans is most commonly measured by neurological tests that assess cognitive, sensory, and motor function.

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