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Mr. Thomas S. Yager
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Dear Tom:

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) staff was pleased to receive the September 19, 2006, canvass copy of the draft proposed revision of the existing American National Standard for Four-Wheel All-Terrain Vehicles – Equipment, Configuration, and Performance Requirements.* The staff also appreciates the October 18, 2006, briefing that the Specialty Vehicle Institute of America (SVIA) presented to the staff about the draft proposed revised standard, and the briefing's discussion of those areas where the proposed revisions to the standard differ from the CPSC's proposed rules that were published in a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPR) in the August 10, 2006, Federal Register.

The staff understands that the closing date for comments on the draft proposed revision of the existing voluntary standard is November 13, 2006. I am writing this letter to let you know that the CPSC staff will not be providing comments on the September 19, 2006, canvass copy of the SVIA's draft proposed revision to the standard.

The proposed rules that have been published in the NPR reflect the staff's current position on the existing voluntary standard and constitute the revisions that staff would seek to that standard. As you know, the Commission recently extended the closing date for the comment period of the Commission's proposed rule to December 26, 2006; this extension was requested by the ATV companies so that the companies can submit comments that will include information and analyses that could not be completed within the timeframe of the original comment period.

* The comments in this letter are those of the CPSC staff and have not been reviewed or approved by, and may not necessarily reflect the views of, the Commission.

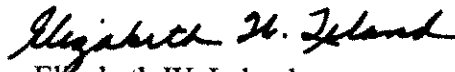
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Because the comment period on the Commission's proposed rules still is open, and until the staff can review all comments submitted by the public in response to the NPR, it would be premature for the staff to comment on the proposed revisions to the ANSI/SVIA standard or to take any position on the voluntary standard other than that which is expressed in the NPR.

The CPSC staff realizes that SVIA must work within the ANSI procedures and timelines for revising the voluntary standard, and we appreciate the ongoing effort that SVIA is making to revise the standard. We look forward to continued communication with SVIA regarding both the Commission's proposed rules and the proposed revisions to the existing ANSI/SVIA standard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth W. Leland". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

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