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STATEMENT OF THE HONORABLE THOMAS HILL MOORE
ON THE HISTORIC PASSAGE OF
THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2008
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With House and Senate passage of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008, the Congress was nearly unanimous in its support of the work of our agency and of the need for CPSC to have better enforcement tools and more resources. The conferees took most of the best provisions of both bills and, without doubt, crafted one of the most significant pieces of pro-consumer legislation in many years. I am very happy to see that a number of the provisions I strongly supported, such as the consumer complaint database, the outright ban of certain lead levels in children's products and the increase in civil penalty authority, made it through final passage.

Early last year both sides of the aisle recognized that certain provisions in our current statutes were too limiting and that the recent years of budget and staffing cuts had hurt the agency's ability to protect American consumers. They worked together to correct those deficiencies. I am deeply gratified by the results. I want to thank Congress, particularly the Senate and their staffs, all the Conference Committee members and their staffs (especially those who worked practically around the clock to achieve this compromise), the consumer groups, interested industry participants, and, of course, our hardworking staff at CPSC, for coming together to make this new beginning possible for our agency. It is now up to the agency to use the resources wisely and the enforcement tools vigorously. The American consumer deserves no less.