

# OREGON Fire Safety Coalition

The time is now!

## Prohibiting the Sale and Distribution of Novelty (Toylike) Lighters

The Consumer Product Safety Commission adopted a safety standard in 1994, requiring disposable cigarette lighters be manufactured to child resistant standards. This safety standard has been highly effective in reducing child fatalities nationwide.

Many lighters today look like animals, miniature cars, musical instruments and game pieces. Other lighters look like adult tools in miniature—cell phones, hammers, paintbrushes, and felt-tip markers. Yet a toy and toylike lighter look the same to both juveniles and adults.

These lighters encourage curiosity, inviting unintentional misuse. They threaten children and their families with burn injury, death and property loss.

- ◆ Over 70 million toylike lighters are imported into the United States annually.
- ◆ The European Union banned the sale of toylike lighters as of March 2007. As a result, more of these lighters will likely be redirected for sale to the U.S.
- ◆ Maine and Tennessee have passed legislation to prohibit toylike lighters.
- ◆ Other states considering this legislation are Alaska, Arkansas, California, Illinois, Michigan, and Virginia.

I support  I oppose  pending legislation to prohibit the sale of toylike lighters.

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I want to testify and receive notification of hearings on this issue.

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