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Mrs. Kathie Morgan
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Dear Kathie:

I am writing to request that ASTM call an organizational meeting of manufacturers of powered scooters and other interested parties.* The purpose of the meeting will be to begin the development of an ASTM International national consensus voluntary safety standard to address hazards associated with powered scooters. During the period from July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2004, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) staff estimates that there were 10,015 emergency room-treated injuries related to powered scooters. In addition, CPSC has received reports of 49 deaths attributed to powered scooters from October 1998 through November 2004. These losses are described in the enclosed *Powered Scooter Special Study 7/1/03-6/30/04* dated April 2005.

It is desired that this organizational meeting result in the establishment of a subcommittee under the ASTM F-15 Committee on Consumer Products. Enclosed you will find a list of potentially interested parties. If you have any questions, please contact me at 301-504-7245.

Sincerely yours,

Colin B. Church
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Activities Coordinator

Enclosures

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