

**Congress of the United States**  
Washington, DC 20510

January 30, 2023

The Honorable Alexander Hoehn-Saric  
Chair  
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission  
4330 East-West Highway  
Bethesda, MD 20814

Dear Chair Hoehn-Saric,

We write to acknowledge the Consumer Product Safety Commission's progress in implementing Reese's Law, and to encourage the Commission to provide clear guidance to battery manufacturers and retailers to ensure the successful implementation of these important protections for children while protecting access to batteries for hearing aids and other important uses.

Reese's Law, which was passed by Congress and signed by President Biden in August 2022, strengthens safety standards for products with button or coin cell batteries that could pose a serious danger to young children if ingested. The law creates performance standards and packaging requirements to keep button and coin cell batteries out of the hands of children, and requires warning labels that clearly identify the hazard and need for medical attention if ingested.

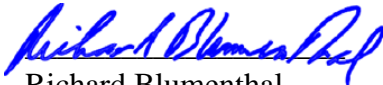
Recognizing the severe danger these button and coin cell batteries pose to children, Reese's Law requires the CPSC to begin a rulemaking on standards within a year of enactment, and requires manufacturers to begin using child resistant packaging in new products by February 2023. However, to maintain undisrupted access to these important batteries, Reese's Law limited its application to batteries that are manufactured or imported after implementation of these new standards and requirements. While manufacturers must begin using safer packaging and labeling on new products, retailers can continue to sell their existing stocks of batteries during this transition.

As the CPSC begins to implement and enforce Reese's Law, we encourage the Commission to provide guidance to battery manufacturers and retailers regarding their compliance obligations, including information on implementation deadlines, testing requirements, and authorizations under the law for existing products. In particular, we encourage the CPSC to work with manufacturers and retailers to ensure that individuals who need button

and coin cell batteries for important uses, such as hearing aids, continue to have uninterrupted access. Additionally, we encourage the Commission to work with manufacturers and labs to ensure the expeditious implementation of mandatory or voluntary performance standards.

We stand ready to work with the Commission on swiftly and successfully implementing Reese's Law, and protecting children from these hazards. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



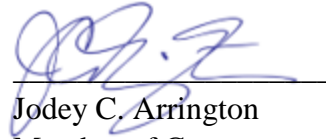
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