



**U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
4330 EAST WEST HIGHWAY
BETHESDA, MD 20814**

**OPEN LETTER SAYING GOODBYE TO CPSC STAFF
FROM FORMER CHAIRMAN ELLIOT F. KAYE**

August 27, 2021

Today marks my last day at the CPSC. It has certainly been a great honor and privilege to serve here beside each and every one of you. Every day, your actions positively affect the lives of all Americans, and impact the lives of consumers around the world.

For more than a decade, I have watched how your contributions have changed, shaped and vastly improved the landscape of product safety. That has been the case no matter where in the agency you serve. We are one team, and everyone plays a vital role in what the CPSC does to protect people everywhere.

Every day you are driving safety through your work.

You are finding creative ways to use our limited resources to make consumer products safer. You are carrying out innovative safety research, writing effective testing protocols and driving much safer product designs to market. You are leading the charge to end persistent hazards while also keeping an eye on emerging ones. You are recalling dangerous products with comprehensive and consumer-friendly recalls. You are bravely maintaining our presence at the ports in the face of a global pandemic and are working with our partner agencies both domestically and internationally to stop violative or unsafe products from entering the stream of commerce. You are keeping the agency running smoothly and in compliance with a complex web of federal rules and regulations. You are giving careful thought to vulnerable populations and working to make the agency more diverse, equitable and inclusive.

Your contributions are absolutely noticed and very much appreciated.

I will look back on my time at the CPSC with deep gratitude for the work we accomplished, the individuals I had the privilege of working with and getting to know, and the safety mission we are all entrusted to pursue on behalf of consumers. And while the mission will change for me as I move on to World Central Kitchen, the commitment to service so well exemplified by you all will stay with me.

Thank you for your friendship and for your dedication, service and life-saving work!