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Statement of American Academy of Pediatrics President Renée R. Jenkins on Senate passage of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act

WASHINGTON, D.C.—“Millions of parents soon will be able to rest easier knowing that the toys and products they buy their children will cause joy, not harm, thanks to ground-breaking legislation passed today by the Senate.

“The American Academy of Pediatrics, which represents 60,000 pediatricians, praises the U.S. Senate for wasting no time in passing the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act today, just one day after the U.S. House overwhelmingly approved the bill. I urge President Bush to sign this legislation as soon as possible, so we can provide real assurance to parents that their children do not face hidden dangers from the toys and products in their nurseries, playrooms and everyday lives.

“This legislation gives the Consumer Product Safety Commission the resources it needs to protect children and families from unsafe products. Its far-reaching provisions—safety testing and certification for such hazards as powerful magnets *before* products are sold, a ban on lead and phthalates, and more—will hopefully put an end to the recalls of children’s products and the horror stories that lead to those recalls.

“AAP applauds the extraordinary effort of the U.S. Senate and House members who worked tirelessly to protect children and ease parents’ fears. Thank you for leading the way to make toys and children’s products a source of fun, not worry.”

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The American Academy of Pediatrics is an organization of 60,000 primary care pediatricians, pediatric medical subspecialists and pediatric surgical specialists dedicated to the health, safety and well being of infants, children, adolescents and young adults.