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The Honorable Robert S. Adler  
Acting Chairman  
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission  
4330 East West Highway  
Bethesda, MD 20814

Dear Acting Chairman Adler,

I am extremely concerned by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's ("CPSC") failure to take action to remedy known hazards of residential elevators. The seriousness of these hazards was addressed in a Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee December 2019 report I released, "Failed Recalls: The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Must Take New Steps to Improve Recall Effectiveness."<sup>1</sup> That report highlighted the CPSC's inaction following the deaths and serious injuries suffered by children in residential elevators.

Since that report was released, children have continued to be injured and killed by residential elevators, with higher rates of deaths and injuries in vacation or rental properties. Last week, another child was killed after becoming trapped in the gap between the doors in a residential elevator at vacation rental home. This tragic event again highlights the need for the CPSC to take immediate action to address this known hazard.

The CPSC is mandated by law to protect consumers from the unreasonable risk of injury or death from products like residential elevators. While it is progress that the CPSC issued a complaint against one elevator manufacturer earlier this month, the CPSC must do more to ensure that this hazard is abated regardless of manufacturer.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cantwell.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/CPSC%20report%20-%20failed%20recalls.pdf>

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I urge the CPSC to take bold action to address this issue as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



MARIA CANTWELL

Chair

cc: The Honorable Elliot F. Kaye, Commissioner  
The Honorable Dana Baiocco, Commissioner  
The Honorable Peter A. Feldman, Commissioner