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Brenda Berg
Chair of the Board of Directors
Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association
15000 Commerce Parkway, Suite C
Mt. Laurel, New Jersey 08054

Re: Crib Bumpers

Dear Chairwoman Berg:

I am writing to urge the Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association ("JPMA") to take immediate and substantial action to address the hazards associated with crib bumpers.

Crib bumpers pose a safety threat to infants who may suffocate or be strangled if they roll or press their face against the crib bumper, wedge their head between the crib bumper and the mattress or crib side, or have their neck wrapped by the crib bumper tie.

As you know, crib bumpers have been associated with suffocation and strangulation infant deaths. Since 2008, the National Center for Child Death Review has received reports of 14 infants who have died from suffocation caused by crib bumpers. The American Academy of Pediatrics, the American SIDS Institute, and the Canadian Health Department have all urged parents not to use crib bumpers.

It has come to our attention that the JPMA has commissioned a study on crib bumpers, yet has not released the results of that study. I urge JPMA to immediately release the results of the study and to work with both the federal Consumer Product Safety Commission, as well as my office, to create standards for crib bumpers and to educate parents and guardians on the dangers posed by these products.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mary Anderson, Senior Advisor to the Attorney General, at (312) 814-6351, or by electronic mail at manderson@atg.state.il.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Madigan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Lisa Madigan
Illinois Attorney General

cc: Inez Tenenbaum, Chair, Consumer Product Safety Commission
Michael Dwyer, JPMA