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To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the undersigned consumer and parent organizations, we write to you regarding ASTM F2057-23, the safety standard for dressers and other clothing storage units, whose requirements become mandatory on September 1—one month from today—under a new federal law, the STURDY Act, which will be enforced by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). All dressers and other clothing storage units manufactured on or after September 1 must comply with ASTM F2057-23. We strongly urge all retailers and the furniture industry to prioritize children's safety and ensure you are prepared to comply with the requirements of ASTM F2057-23 as soon as possible.

Too many families have already been harmed by unstable dressers and dangerous furniture tip-overs. According to the CPSC, at least 234 people died from clothing storage unit tip-overs from January 2000 to April 2022, and approximately 5,300 people are sent to the emergency department every year. Tragically, we continue to hear of fatal tip-over incidents, including the death of a three-year-old boy in May, and a one-year-old girl and a twenty-two-month-old girl in July.

Starting September 1, federal law requires anyone who sells, offers for sale, manufactures for sale, distributes in commerce, or imports dressers or other clothing storage units to comply with ASTM F2057-23. This mandatory standard will help protect children by requiring strong and practicable stability tests and requirements based on real-world use. Failing to meet the standard would not only put children at risk of serious injury or death but also put your company at risk of incurring fines of up to \$120,000 per violation and \$17,150,000 for any related series of violations, as well as possible criminal penalties.

Compliance with these requirements will help save countless children's lives, so our groups are requesting that the CPSC take decisive and urgent enforcement action starting September 1 against any company that violates the law. We will also monitor compliance with the new rules and support the CPSC in holding accountable anyone who fails to prioritize safety.

With one month remaining to prepare, now is the time to come into compliance. Otherwise, unstable dressers may continue to put children's lives at risk.

Sincerely,

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