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### CFA Joins Chorus of Consumer Groups Applauding Amazon Decision by CPSC

The Consumer Product Safety Commission's (CPSC) unanimous Decision and Order determining Amazon is a "distributor" of certain defective or non-compliant products indicates the retail giant is responsible for product recalls. This important decision will save lives by reducing the sale of dangerous products through Amazon's third parties. The Commission's order impacts more than



#### CFA Releases Statement on Proposed FSIS Rule to Protect Consumers from Salmonella in Poultry

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued a long-anticipated proposed rule to protect consumers from foodborne illness caused by dangerous Salmonella contamination in poultry. An estimated 1.35 million consumers suffer from Salmonella infections in the U.S. each year, the single most costly foodborne pathogen. "Today's rule sets safety standards where they matter to consumers: on poultry

400,000 products sold by third party sellers through the Fulfilled by Amazon program. "Regardless of where and how they shop, consumers deserve safe products. The Commission's order is a critical step forward for consumers," said Courtney Griffin, Director of Consumer Product Safety at CFA.

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#### CFA Joins Coalition Letter to FHFA Calling for FHLBank Mission Reform

In a letter sent to the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) earlier this month, CFA and 62 additional national and local advocacy organizations outlined proposed reforms to the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) System. The letter was sent as a response to the Agency's Request for Input (RFI) on the FHLBs' mission statement and the metrics for mission achievement. "Our letter articulates a vision for a truly mission-focused FHLB System, one that drives housing supply, community investments, and access to fair

products themselves, rather than on the establishments that process the birds," said

Thomas Gremillion, Director of Food Policy at CFA. The rule, notably, is not a perfect solution to the large number of Salmonella infections caused by poultry products, but it is a step in the right direction.

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# Consumer Groups Compile Tips to Help Consumers Get Fair Insurance Treatment After Hurricane Beryl

CFA, with Texas Watch and Texas Appleseed, shared resources to help consumers get their wind and flood insurance claims paid promptly, fully, and fairly in the wake of Hurricane Beryl. **Douglas Heller, CFA's Director of Insurance**, emphasizes that individuals affected by Beryl should immediately begin receiving the benefits of their home and flood insurance. "Policyholders pay premiums expecting prompt support to repair their homes and restore normality after such damage," and affordable housing across the nation," said **Sharon** Cornelissen, Director of Housing at CFA. The Coalition for FHLB Reform (CFR) spearheaded this effort as part of its mission to advocate for reforms to help the System once again become mission-driven and to fully leverage all its activities, lending, and investments toward fair and affordable housing and community development. CFR welcomes any organization looking to join the FHLB reform effort to contact Sharon Cornelissen for more information.

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he stated. "We hope insurance companies will be good partners in the recovery and rebuilding to come, but history tells us that policyholders and regulators must be vigilant to ensure fair treatment." The groups called on Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) to monitor the claims handling process of all insurers, and urged residents to contact the TDI if they believe their insurer is improperly denying or reducing the value of a claim for any reason.

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