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Petition FP 93-1
Office of the Secretary
Consumer Product Safety Commission
Washington, D.C. 20207

Dear Secretary:

The Florida Professional Firefighters, Inc. comprised of 12,000 Firefighters and Emergency Medical Personnel serving in 150 departments throughout the State of Florida wish to go on record as **strongly supporting** the National Association of State Fire Marshal's request for federal upholstered furniture flammability standards.

The State of California's Technical Bulletin 117 and 133 governing open flame ignitions and smoldering ignitions are examples of standards that we consider adequate for consideration by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Personnel witness first hand in the course of their daily employment the pain and suffering coupled with the tragic loss of life and property associated with fires.

We therefore, respectfully request that U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission adopt standards because lives will be saved. IF the California upholstered furniture flammability standards had been in effect nationwide for the past ten years, there would be just two fire deaths per state on average annually related to upholstered furniture. That would be a **nine-fold** reduction in the current national rate.

The Florida Professional Firefighters urges the Commission to act as soon as possible in order to adopt and enforce standards for all upholstered furniture.

Your positive response to our request will certainly be appreciated.

Respectfully

Bob Carver

cc: Upholstered Furniture Fires Project
Mr. B.J. Peters, Director, Florida State Fire Marshal

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