

Congress of the United States
U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Small Business
2361 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-6515

May 22, 2025

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The House Committee on Small Business (Committee) writes to applaud your termination of Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Commissioner Richard Trumka, Jr. The Committee has evidence that actions taken by Commissioner Trumka constitute an egregious abuse of his position.¹ Since his appointment by President Biden in 2021, Commissioner Trumka has pushed for unnecessary and overburdensome regulations that harm small businesses. In addition, Commissioner Trumka often took action prior to CPSC rules becoming final, stating “we do not have to wait for a federal rule” to act against businesses and products he believed harmful.² Commissioner Trumka has created a harmful environment for small businesses nationwide through his unilateral and unsupported actions.

As Commissioner Trumka argued in a May 9, 2025 letter posted on X, he believes he has done nothing to warrant termination.³ However, on July 25, 2024, I wrote to former CPSC Chairman Hoehn-Saric regarding the Committee’s investigation into Commissioner Trumka’s unilateral actions that threatened the ability of some small businesses to continue operating and likely violated the Consumer Product Safety Act.⁴ Through the course of the Committee’s investigation, the Committee found that Commissioner Trumka reached out to major retailers requesting they remove products, despite the fact that other CPSC Commissioners declined to find

¹ Letter from Roger Williams, Chairman, H. Comm. on Small Bus. to Alexander Hoehn-Saric, Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Comm’n (Jul. 25, 2025).

² Public Statement from Commissioner Richard L. Trumka, Jr., Consumer Product Safety Comm’n, Beware: Weighted Infant Swaddles and Blankets Are Unsafe for Sleep; Retailers Should Consider Stopping Sales (Apr. 15, 2024).

³ Richard L. Trumka Jr., Consumer Product Safety Comm’n, Statement of Commissioner Rich Trumka Jr. (May 9, 2025).

⁴ Letter from Roger Williams, Chairman, H. Comm. on Small Bus. to Alexander Hoehn-Saric, Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Comm’n (Jul. 25, 2025).

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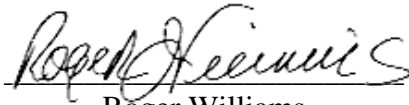
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a sufficient factual basis to justify such removal.⁵ But for his termination, Commissioner Trumka likely would have continued exerting pressure on small businesses and coercing retailers to improperly remove their products from shelves.

Small businesses deserve a chance to fairly compete in the marketplace without undue influence from the federal government. For that reason, I applaud the immediate removal of Commissioner Trumka. I appreciate the Administration's commitment to supporting small businesses and maintaining a fair and equitable marketplace. Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

In God We Trust,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger Williams", written over a horizontal line.

Roger Williams

Chairman

House Committee on Small Business

cc: The Honorable Nydia M. Velázquez, Ranking Member

⁵ *Id.*