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The Honorable Alexander Hoehn-Saric
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RE: 2023-03-01 CPSC APPROVES REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON GAS STOVE HAZARDS AND POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS

Dear Chair Hoehn-Saric,

We write to express significant concerns with the Consumer Product Safety Commission's (CPSC) Request for Information (RFI) on residential gas stoves and cooktops. We request that the commission rescind the RFI.

It is clear from the RFI and from Commissioner Richard Trumka, Jr.'s October 2022 memorandum[1] that the Commission seeks to use its authority to eventually ban gas stoves and cooktops. An attempt to ban gas appliances is an overreach of your authority and a political step towards this administration's larger goal of eliminating the use of natural gas and other fossil fuels. The CPSC has enjoyed bipartisan support, but any steps toward banning gas appliances used by millions of Americans could put this support in jeopardy.

You claim in the RFI that, "CPSC is an independent agency with the sole mission of keeping people safe from consumer products that pose an unreasonable risk of harm."[2] This RFI, which builds the foundation toward banning gas stoves, however, shows a shift in the mission of the CPSC and brings into question the independence of the agency. If the Commission wants to regain trust with the American people, you should stop this initiative and focus on helping consumers.

We request that CPSC halt the unreasonable crusade against gas stoves so that consumers can continue to have a full range of reasonably priced and fully functional gas cooktops.

Sincerely,

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[1] Memorandum from the Office of Commissioner Richard Trumka, Jr., NPR Proposing Ban on Gas Stoves (Indoor Air Quality), U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Oct. 25, 2022.

[2] https://www.cpsc.gov/About-CPSC/Commissioner/Richard-Trumka/Statement/CPSC-Approves-Request-for-Information-on-Gas-Stove-Hazards-and-Potential-Solutions

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