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Subject: A couple more documents relevant to the upcoming hearings

Judy,

I have attached a recent attack launched on toys in the press by Healthytoys.org. See attached. These brazen attacks are highly misleading and represent a form of commercial slander. We are powerless to stop these people from manipulating the media to give the unfortunate and misleading impression that all toy companies lack integrity or concern for consumers. I hope the Committee will take steps to not fan these flames further. I believe this kind of publicity results from the lopsided debate on the CPSIA. It makes it tough to sell educational toys – and that's just not fair or deserved.

I also wanted you to see the Letter to the Editor appearing in the Daily Herald today (a major Northern Illinois newspaper chain) written by one of our employees. It's her opinion, and was not written by me. Please note the supportive views of the three comments (written by people who unknown to me). I hope the members of the Committee are hearing people like Jennifer Connolly and the other readers of the Daily Herald. They are the ones on the front lines of the economy and understand the true nature of the "crisis" in children's product safety in the marketplace.
<http://www.dailyherald.com/story/?id=254965&src=>

Thanks.

Rick