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**Subject:** RE: CPSIA - The View from the Blogs

Check out what real people are saying about the CPSIA below. How many such stories must we send to you before Congress will ACKNOWLEDGE ITS ERRORS and take action to stave off the disaster your law is fomenting???

Richard Woldenberg  
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[Jennifer](#) said...

Well, baby steps, right? It's a start. Now lets hope the list of exemptions grow!  
Now to just have some sort of insight on ribbons :(

Here's my story!

I am a stay at home to 5 children. I am a wife and have a home business as well. I hand craft and sell little girls ribbon and fabric hair accessories (bows and headbands etc...) on my website. I have worked VERY hard over the past 4 years to grow my business. I am the only income for our family.

My business has taken off over the years to the point my husband does not HAVE to work and can stay home and help with the kids while I work and bring in more than enough income to support us! I have felt truly blessed and proud to be a self employed business owner in the United States!

This law, if implemented would be tragic to our family. I would be out of work leaving our family with no income at all! My husband would be forced back out into the work world and hopefully find a job in these economic times, that most likely would not pay for our bills we currently have.

Things are so good with my business, I CHOSE to be my own boss and be able to stay at home with my babies. This law MUST be amended to keep the small business men and women of America in mind! There are so many people out there that choose to buy hand made because of the love and extra attention and care, knowing that these products are produced in the USA and they do not have

to buy from China etc!

PLEASE HELP SAVE HANDMADE!!!

Jennifer  
Owner~ Sweet Baby Bowtique  
<http://www.sweetbabybowtique.com>

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Anonymous said...

They need to break down the exact exemptions. I sew and I use PRINTED Cotton fabrics, and many sewing notions. I can't afford to test each product's materials, per size too! I'm just a seamstress that works at home, and earns her living online, legally. I trust when I buy the products in the brick mortar stores or online that they are safe. And Im a Mom & Grandmom. I do not want to willingly harm any child, and I do want to abide by the law. I buy only toys from small business natural toy makers, so I feel for them too! At this point, I want this law to clearly state the who, what, where & when, we know the why, and we agree with the why. We want to keep our Childrens lives safe. In some ways, I want them to clean up the air more and landfills more. Clean our water systems up. Clean up our food supply. Clean up the fast food industry. But also this law needs to get its act together enough so that many business don't feel so clueless. Cuase I sew ring bearer pillows & flower girl dresses for children under 12. And I alter clothing where I am added products to the clothing. There goes my ebay store where I sell boutique clothing.... And to think MANY Business THINK it doesn't include them and thier products. Many can be sued and " I didnt think it would effect my little business" is not a excuse in thier eyes. Blessings Diana  
<http://www.Marylandseamstress.com>

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[Jo Baron](#) said...

Do you truly think there's hope for the small childrenswear makers? It's so frustrating & hard to know whether it's worth it to keep fighting. How do YOU keep the energy going? Does anyone really listen to us in Washington or are they just nodding their

heads?

We don't hear about anyone in DC showing the courage you have.

[Louise-OSET](#) said...

Thank You Rick for doing this. Last week I spent hours trying to find you and your wisdom after seeing you on YouTube. Then I found you on Twitter... I never thought I'd be 'twittering'!

We sell electric motorcycles for kids. osetbikes.com. The urban dirt on our tyres pose more of a health hazard than the lead in our steel frames. Today we heard our supplier in China won't supply us until they understand what the requirements are. As we are small, they might decide it is not worth the bother.

Please keep us informed. Some 'hard' links to legal opinions, analysis etc would be very useful. We can't afford a lawyer!

Cheers, Louise

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