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Subject: CPSIA - The View from KVUE in Austin, Texas

I am sure you are monitoring the media for coverage of the pending implementation of your law and are looking for that groundswell of support from appreciative parents and business owners for your actions to protect them from dangerous lead. With that in mind, I wanted to make sure you saw this news item from Austin, Texas. Apparently your CPSIA law is going to cause second-hand stores and resale shops to go out of business in the next five weeks. Likewise, although this is not mentioned in the article, charities that pick up clothing and other household items will have to stop redistributing children's merchandise entirely as of February 10. Apparently, many people need these outlets (especially during tough economic times), but unfortunately your law prohibits them from doing business. My, won't it be wonderful to be so safe in 2009! The funny thing is, no one on the below video seems very happy about it.

Can anyone figure out why?

Sincerely,

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New law restricts re-sale of kid's products

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By SHELTON GREEN / KVUE News

A new federal law is raising concerns and questions nationwide and here in Austin.

Video

KVUE's Shelton Green reports

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On February 10, 2009 it will be illegal to re-sell any used children's products including toys and clothing. That is according to the U.S. Consumer Protection & Safety Commission who pushed for the new laws after dozens of toys were recalled in 2008 because of lead concerns.

Toys, clothing and other items used by children under 12 will be subjected to lead testing and will have to have labels on them to prove that they have passed inspection.

What is raising the ire of parents and business owners far and wide is what this will mean to clothing, toys and other children products made before February 10, 2009.

Gary Walthall, the owner of Once upon a Child, a resale shop specializing in children's clothing and other items, is afraid that he'll have to close up shop.

Adding to the confusion and frustration is the fact that the U.S. Consumer Products and Safety Commission is not returning calls or e-mails to the countless re-salers and even journalists who have tried in vain to get clarification on what the law means to garage sales and how it will be enforced.