

## CLICK!

Type each of the following website addresses into your computer one by one (they are all important!) and simply fill in your email address and **click to sign our petition and automatically send a letter to your representatives in Congress and the President! It's FREE!**

<http://tinyurl.com/ak6aak>

Supports HR 968 a bill before the House of Representatives

<http://tinyurl.com/b9obot>

Supports HR 1027 a bill before the House of Representatives

<http://tinyurl.com/cjr4k>

Supports S 374 a bill before the U.S. Senate

We need to get these bills OUT of the committee process where they may languish and die without your support, and ONTO THE FLOOR FOR A VOTE!

## CALL

The two committees where the bills now sit and **tell them you support them and to please ensure they are promptly sent to the floor for vote.**

The House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce at **(202) 225-3641** (Democrats) and **(202) 225-2927** (Republicans)

The Senate Committee on Commerce and Energy at **(202) 224-0411** (Democrats) and **(202) 224-1521**

Your Congressperson and your Senator **and tell them that you want them to support bills HR 1027, HR 968 and Senate Bill 374 to amend the CPSIA.** Call the Capitol Switchboard **(202) 224-3121** if you know their names or find their names at the link below.

## WRITE

Your Congressperson AND Your Senator!

Find their address on the web at <http://tinyurl.com/3a65z>

It's Easy  
to Make a Difference!  
*Please Help Us*



**Please Amend the CPSIA**

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## About The CPSIA

President Bush signed the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (H.R. 4040) into law August 14, 2008. The CPSIA was passed to protect children from unsafe toys after the widely publicized recalls of 2007 which shook the public's trust. **However, the CPSIA does not just encompass toys. It regulates ALL products for children under 12 years of age. Clothing, cloth diapers, car seats, books, bicycles, jewelry, electronic products, blankets, sheets, bibs, strollers—EVERYTHING.**

This legislation, while well intentioned, has unintended consequences that threaten the children's resale industry. Large portions of inventory that were safe and legal to sell on February 9th will be defined as "banned hazardous substances" overnight—regardless of whether these products contain dangerous materials.

## FAQ's

**Is it true that the CPSC Press Release issued on January 30 solved the problem for resale & thrift shops?**

This CPSC action provides no relief for the resale industry. Nothing has changed. Testing and certification requirements have never applied to the secondary market.

**Is it true that the CPSC Press Release issued on January 8 was an exempted resale & thrift shops from the law?**

NO! The law remains UNALTERED! Please read it VERY CAREFULLY! This is NOT a ruling, exemption or exception to the CPSIA... it is a Press Release. It is NOT definitive! It is a step in the right direction toward open communication, however nothing has changed. We have ALWAYS fully understood that manufacturers are required to test for lead, not resellers, but how is a store to know definitively if a product violates the lead requirements unless it tests. Those resellers that do sell products in violation of the new limits could face civil and/or criminal penalties. Quite a dilemma! We need your help now more than ever!

## Dear Resale Shoppers,

**We appreciate your support to Save Children's Resale! We are at the forefront of the fight, but we cannot do this alone. We need YOU to make the voice of resale heard!**

2007 was known as the year of the toy recalls. 2008 was the year President Bush signed the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) into law. 2009 may be known as the year children's resale died if Congress does not take immediate action!

Children's resale and consignment shops will be forced to close; causing bankruptcies, loss of employee jobs and shattered dreams for entrepreneurs who struggled to build successful businesses that are a viable part of their communities.

This is just the tip of the iceberg. Not for Profit thrift stores will have to discontinue their children's departments, resulting in a significant loss of income for the charities they support. It does not stop there. If every resale and thrift store shelf in America was cleared and ton upon ton of existing goods "taken to the curb," we will need landfills the size of four states!

**We appreciate your concern for children's resale and thrift. Please use the information and links on the back to contact congress. Make your voice known to your Congressional leaders. Tell them you want them to... SAVE CHILDREN'S RESALE! by supporting bills in committee to amend the CPSIA!**

Consumers around the country are joining in the continuing fight to Save Children's Resale. It has taken on a life of its own with resale shoppers contacting Congress, signing petitions, posting on blogs and even organizing rallies, If you want to continue to be able to shop a wide selection of children's resale please make your voice heard.

**Thank you for your support!**