

April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Representative David Deen  
Chair  
House Committee on Natural Resources, Fish & Wildlife  
Vermont State House  
115 State St.  
Montpelier, VT 05633

Dear Chairman Deen and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on S. 103. While we had some concerns with the bill as passed by the Senate, we believe that the Senate-passed bill is the best, workable version for our members provided a few changes are made. We support the addition of ACCD to the Interagency Committee but have concerns with a couple of the new amendments to Act 188 voted on by the Committee last Friday. We feel these new amendments would weaken the scientific standards for regulating children's products. We would also encourage the Committee to wait until next year to consider any additional changes to current law, as the Interagency Committee will have submitted its recommendations by then.

Many of our members have locations in other states and even other countries, meaning they do not necessarily have to maintain operations in Vermont. We hope to ensure that compliance with regulations is easy to navigate and strikes a good balance between regulation and keeping Vermont businesses competitive in the marketplace.

We look forward to continuing to work with the Committee in the near future.

Thank you,

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