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June 7, 2021

Mr. Ynon Kreiz
Chief Executive Officer
Mattel, Inc.
333 Continental Boulevard
El Segundo, CA 90245

Dear Mr. Kreiz:

Thank you for your testimony at today's hearing on the development, safety, and recall of Mattel's Rock 'n Play Sleeper and other inclined sleep products.¹ The Committee on Oversight and Reform is committed to ensuring the safety of infant products and protecting American consumers.

As the Committee heard today from parents whose children died in the Rock 'n Play, every loss of a child's life is devastating. For that reason, I am extremely concerned by today's testimony from Fisher-Price's General Manager Chuck Scothon that Mattel has received reports of 97 infant deaths in the Rock 'n Play. That is almost twice the number of infant deaths in this product that was previously known and nearly seven times the number of deaths you disclosed to the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) on February 16, 2018.²

I am writing to follow up on your commitment at today's hearing to produce documents related to these deaths and the deaths of infants in other inclined products sold by your company. In particular, please produce to the Committee by Friday, June 11, 2021, all documents related to:

1. The 97 deaths Mr. Scothon identified during the hearing;
2. Any other deaths in inclined products your company sold, including sleepers, rockers, gliders, and any similar products marketed for "napping," "sleeping," or "dreaming"; and
3. Any serious injuries in these products.

¹ Committee on Oversight and Reform, *Hearing on Sleeping Danger: The Rock 'n Play and Failures in Infant Product Safety* (June 7, 2021) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/legislation/hearings/sleeping-danger-the-rock-n-play-and-failures-in-infant-product-safety>).

² Mattel_HCOR_006066.

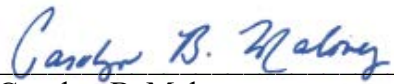
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At today's hearing, you also committed to working with CPSC to provide the American public with information about fatalities associated with any of your products, notwithstanding the disclosure restrictions contained in Section 6(b) of the Consumer Protection Safety Act. Please provide to the Committee by June 11, 2021, a detailed plan and schedule for how Mattel will increase public transparency about important safety information going forward.

An attachment to this letter provides additional instructions for responding to the Committee's request. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-5051.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carolyn B. Maloney". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Carolyn B. Maloney
Chairwoman

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable James Comer, Ranking Member