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**STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER ELLIOT F. KAYE
ON CANADA'S NEW CORDED WINDOW COVERING REGULATIONS**

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After an extensive risk assessment and rigorous public consultation, the Government of Canada, on the recommendation of the Minister of Health, published today updated *Corded Window Coverings Regulations*¹ to address the risk of strangulation from corded window coverings.

These updated regulations address the strangulation hazard from all types of corded window covering products, *including* custom products. Canada's regulations go beyond the U.S. voluntary standards. Canada is eliminating the strangulation hazard of corded window coverings in both stock and custom products.

I applaud the Government of Canada's leadership in publishing revised safety regulations. I call on window covering manufacturers and voluntary standards bodies in the U.S. to **immediately** adopt these or equivalent safety requirements for both stock and custom products so that U.S. families can also benefit from a safer market for all window coverings. Canada has taken this comprehensive step to protect Canadian children. U.S. children deserve the same.

¹ <http://gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2019/2019-05-01/html/sor-dors97-eng.html>