



## U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

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Record of Commission Action  
Commissioners Voting by Ballot\*

This is a DRAFT RCA.  
It will be replaced by a Final RCA.

Commissioners Voting:      Chairman Inez M. Tenenbaum  
   Commissioner Nancy A. Nord  
   Commissioner Robert S. Adler

### ITEM:

Petition for Rulemaking to Eliminate Accessible Cords on Window Covering Products  
(Briefing Package dated June 26, 2013, OS No. 5091)

### DECISION:

The Commission voted unanimously (3-0) to approve publication of the draft *Federal Register* notice inviting comments for a period of 60 days on the petition. The petition, submitted by Parents for Window Blind Safety, Consumer Federation of America, Consumers Union, Kids in Danger, Public Citizen, U.S. PIRG, Independent Safety Consulting, Safety Behavior Analysis, Inc., and Onder, Shelton, O'Leary & Peterson (collectively petitioners), requests that the Commission: (1) promulgate a mandatory standard that prohibits any window covering cords, when a feasible cordless alternative exists; and (2) require that all window covering cords be made inaccessible through the use of a passive guardian device then a feasible cordless alternative does not exist.

For the Commission:

Todd A. Stevenson  
Secretary

\* Ballot vote due July 2, 2013