



JPMA Statement of Support for House Legislation on Children's Car Seats Flammability Testing

The Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association (JPMA) applauds the efforts of Congressman Jared Huffman (D-CA) to reduce the need for flame retardant chemicals in children's car seats through the introduction of a bill that changes the flammability testing protocols for children's car seats.

HR 5359 seeks to revise federal flammability standards for motor vehicle child restraint systems and directs the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to use California's TB 117-13 as its model in changing the current flammability requirements from an open flame test to a smolder test. In doing so, JPMA member manufacturers will have the opportunity to reduce or even remove entirely flame retardant chemicals in children's car seats.

As an industry association, JPMA monitors developing regulatory activity and works proactively to ensure the safety of our member's products. The industry takes great care in meeting and exceeding the strict federal and state flammability requirements for juvenile products and whenever possible works to find ways to meet regulatory mandates and manufacture products as naturally as possible.

With the introduction of this legislation we are encouraged that legislators and regulators are proactively working to reduce the use of chemicals in juvenile products while still maintaining high regulatory standards that continue to provide the highest protection available for families and children.

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