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Acting Chairman Nancy Nord
Commissioner Thomas Moore
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
4330 East-West Highway
Bethesda, MD 20814

RE: February 10, 2009 Ban on Youth OHVs

Dear Chairman Nord and Commissioner Moore:

The BlueRibbon Coalition (BRC) is a national non-profit trail-based recreation group that champions responsible use of public lands. BRC strongly objects to your recent action on February 10, 2009, which functionally bans the sale of off-highway vehicles (OHV) designed for use by children ages 12 and younger and urges your agency to grant petitions filed by the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) and the Specialty Vehicle Institute of America's (SVIA) petitions asking for an emergency stay.

BRC supports the Consumer Product Safety Commission's (CPSC) effort to minimize the exposure risk of lead in various products used by children. However, BRC does not support the unintended consequences of the recent ban on youth-oriented OHVs, which has resulted in small OHVs being pulled off showroom floors and youth OHV events being cancelled.

This ban does not serve the administration or the public well at a time when families are being encouraged to get out of the house and away from the TV to enjoy the great outdoors. BRC urges the CPSC to grant the MIC and SVIA's petitions asking for emergency relief or a temporary stay while the agency's rulemaking process is underway.

Sincerely,

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BlueRibbon Coalition