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NORTH AMERICAN FLAME RETARDANT ALLIANCE RESPONDS TO CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION PETITION ON FLAME RETARDANTS

WASHINGTON (March 31, 2015) – *A petition was filed today requesting that the Consumer Product Safety Commission ban all organohalogen flame retardants from four categories of consumer products. In response to the petition, the American Chemistry Council's North American Flame Retardant Alliance released the following statement.*

“Flame retardants are subject to review by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and global regulatory bodies. In fact, EPA as part of its ongoing review of chemicals in commerce has identified approximately 50 flame retardants that it says are unlikely to pose a risk to human health.”

“It’s unfortunate that these petitioners are presenting families with the false choice between chemical safety and fire safety when we can have both. Families should know that flame retardants can help provide strong protection against potentially devastating situations. They have been proven to be a critical component of fire safety and can help save lives.”

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