Comments from the Consumer Product Safety Commission



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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

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Sent via E-mail
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Re: GAO Engagement No. 25-107514

Dear Ms. Cackley:

I appreciate the opportunity to engage with GAO on your report titled *Gas Stoves: Risks and Safety Standards Related to Products and Ventilation*, (GAO-25-107514). The United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is a federal safety agency with a mission to reduce the unreasonable risk of injury from consumer products. I write to highlight that CPSC has no plans to advance any rule to ban gas stoves, or to pursue any other mandatory standards that would limit consumer choice with respect to this product category. On March 7, 2023, the Commission published a Request for Information (RFI) on Chronic Hazards Associated with Gas Ranges. The comment period on this RFI closed in May 2023, and I consider this matter concluded.

As GAO notes in its report, millions of Americans use gas stoves every day. In fact, American families have been using gas stoves, cooktops, and ranges, for years and largely without incident. CPSC will, of course, continue to pursue safety recalls on a case-by-case basis under our statutory authority, for example manufacturing defects that could result in fires, burns, explosions and carbon monoxide exposure. But as GAO also notes, there is ongoing disagreement about the extent of the linkage between the emissions produced by gas stoves and certain health issues. For these reasons, I believe CPSC's attention and limited resources are better focused on the agency's core safety mission, not backdoor climate regulation.

Again, I thank GAO for the opportunity to provide comments on this report.

Sincerely,

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