

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Peter Feldman
Acting Chair
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
4330 East West Highway
Bethesda, MD 20814

Dear Acting Chair Feldman:

The importation of dangerous, fraudulent lithium-ion battery powered micromobility products from foreign markets poses a significant threat to communities across the country. Although voluntary standards have been set, the lack of a mandatory standard for lithium-ion batteries used in micromobility products has allowed these threats to grow. To prevent further destruction to our communities and protect lives, we urge the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC, or “the Commission”) to immediately work through stakeholder comments and swiftly complete the rulemaking process for the proposed rule, “Safety Standard for Lithium-Ion Batteries Used in Micromobility Products and Electrical Systems of Micromobility Products Containing Such Batteries.”

The Commission is aware of the dangers posed by these lithium-ion batteries. A 2026 CPSC report noted 45 fatalities associated with fires caused by lithium-ion battery-related in micromobility products from 2017 through 2024. This problem has continued across the country, particularly in New York City, where just this year, there have been 362 fires and 5 deaths according to the Fire Department of the City of New York.

In response to these fires and loss of life, localities have taken matters into their own hands, from setting standards for retailers to banning the use of micromobility products in certain locations. While these rules attempt to achieve safety, the only way to effectively prevent future fires is by setting mandatory federal standards for lithium-ion batteries, including, by mandating ANSI/CAN/UL 2271–Standard for Batteries for Use in Light Electric Vehicle Applications, ANSI/CAN/UL 2849–Standard for Safety for Electrical Systems for eBikes, and ANSI/CAN/UL 2272–Standard for Electrical Systems for Personal E-Mobility Devices. By finalizing this rule and setting standards for these batteries, the Commission can ensure that cheap and defective batteries do not enter the U.S. market.

We have long called for the Commission to conduct rulemaking to set mandatory standards for these lithium-ion batteries, and we applaud the Commission in taking steps to advance a rule that will save lives. We stand ready to work with the Commission to make our communities safer. Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator



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Member of Congress



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator