

# CENTRIST DEMOCRATS OF AMERICA

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Chair Maria Cantwell  
U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation  
254 Russell Senate Building  
Washington DC, 20510

Ranking Member Ted Cruz  
U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation  
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Chair Cantwell and Ranking Member Cruz:

I am writing in support of Mr. Douglas Dziak's nomination by President Joe Biden, to serve as a Republican Commissioner on the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). My support of Mr. Dziak is primarily based on two reasons:

First, Mr. Dziak's background working on consumer protection issues – at the CPSC and in the U.S. Senate (including for Sens. George Voinovich and Mike Enzi who both had a strong bipartisan track record) – mean that Mr. Dziak is prepared to decide on public safety matters.

Second, Mr. Dziak's temperament as a calm, reasonable, and highly-ethical individual gives me confidence that Mr. Dziak will be an effective member of the CPSC and always work in a respectful and collegial manner with his CPSC colleagues – both Democrats and Republicans.

Please understand, I am a member of the Centrist Democrats of America, because I believe that both political parties should strive to find common ground, pass laws and implement government regulations that improve the lives of the American people. This is not to say that partisanship or politics have no place in Washington. But rather, those concepts should not get in the way of Democrats and Republicans working together, reaching compromises and avoiding extreme ideologies that have a destructive impact on our nation.

Finally, Mr. Dziak is someone that my associates have worked with, and can attest to his qualifications for this role. With this in mind, and combined with Mr. Dziak's experience and temperament, I am supporting Douglas Dziak to serve as a Republican Commissioner on the CPSC.

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Sincerely,

*Ronnie Shows*

Honorable Ronnie Shows (D-MS)(retired)  
Board Member, Centrist Democrats of America

cc: Senator John Hickenlooper, Chair Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Data Security

Senator Marsha Blackburn, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Data Security