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Resale Professionals Living with CPSIA

St. Clair Shores, MI—The National Association of Resale & Thrift Shops (NARTS) is extremely disappointed that Congress did not act regarding the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) to provide meaningful relief to the resale industry. In unison with organizations representing almost every facet of manufactured children's products, NARTS has been at the forefront in the battle to transform the CPSIA into a safety law that protects our children while respecting the resale entrepreneurs of this country.

“Resale professionals have always been strong advocates for product safety and remain committed to the protection of our nation's children,” said Adele Meyer, NARTS Executive Director. “Although the CPSIA is a confusing and complex law, resale and thrift shops will do their best to comply using the guidance available from the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).” However, the long term negative affects of this new lead law will be felt by many. Businesses will close contributing to even more jobs lost, the shortfall to consumers and communities who depend upon the proceeds of Not For Profit thrift stores will leave those in need without solace and the extensive amount of waste generated will be profound.

“The resale industry is resilient and inventive,” said Gail Siegel, NARTS Director of Membership Services. “NARTS will continue to work with resellers and consumers, not just to cope with the inequities of the CPSIA, but to rise above them. The catch phrases ‘well intended’ and ‘unintended outcome’ are now moot. It is time for the hardworking, ethical people of resale to move forward—perhaps with caution, but surely with determination and dedication to community and children's safety.”

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The National Association of Resale & Thrift Shops (NARTS), the world's largest resale trade association, is dedicated to continuing education within the resale industry. The Association serves thrift, resale, and consignment shops of all types by providing educational and professional development for future owners and current store owners/managers. NARTS is committed to product safety, educating both consumers and store operators on how to identify previously recalled or banned products and any products that do not meet current safety standards. Please visit the NARTS Website at: www.narts.org for more information.