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I am writing you regarding AB 2230, a bill to alert consumers to the importance of anchoring and/or stabilizing furniture used to display televisions.

As you may be aware, ASTM subcommittee F15-42 Furniture Safety has worked to develop engineering and labeling requirements to address potential tip-over hazards. The present ASTM standard requires that anchoring devices or tip restraints be provided to the consumer along with detailed installation instructions and documentation that the tip restraint has been approved by an accredited third party and that it meets or exceeds the mechanical strength requirements established by the standard.

The ASTM tip over standard was carefully vetted by a broad stakeholder group that included industry, consumer and government representatives. This consensus standard setting process has facilitated the development of a standard that aggressively addresses the potential tip over hazards identified in certain types of household furniture. We hope that it will prove useful to the New Jersey Legislature as it crafts a bill to draw attention to the use of tip restraints. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bill Perdue".

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