



Alliance for Regulatory Coordination

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Honorable Representative Pronschinske
Rep.Pronschinske@legis.wisconsin.gov

Dear Representative Pronschinske:

The Alliance for Regulatory Coordination supports Assembly Bill 202, now before the Assembly Committee on Consumer Protection.

We applaud this effort to promote fire safety by establishing reasonable statewide restrictions on the display and sale of novelty lighters. A statewide set of restrictions on novelty lighters is a more coordinated effort to promote fire safety than the current situation where such regulation is left for local governments to enact. According to the US Fire Administration, seventeen states have prohibitions and restrictions on novelty lighters, similar to what is proposed in Assembly Bill 202.

Novelty lighters often look like animals, miniature cars, musical instruments, game pieces, and other toys and have audio or visual effects that make them appealing to children less than 10 years of age. They are dangerous because many children are unable to tell the difference between a toy and a novelty lighter. By prohibiting their sale, children will be protected from a dangerous instrument that could encourage curiosity and invite unintentional misuse.

We encourage you to advance this bill to public hearing.

Sincerely,

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