



**U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
4330 EAST WEST HIGHWAY
BETHESDA, MD 20814**

December 11, 2019

VIA EMAIL & CERTIFIED MAIL

Austin Evers
American Oversight
1030 15th Street NW
Suite b255
Washington, DC 20005

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request #19-F-00245 for 1. The resume provided by Ann Marie Buerkle to CPSC in connection with determining her appropriate salary, or, if that is not available, a recent resume for Ms. Buerkle contained within the agency's records. We have no objection to the redaction of contact information (addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses) for Ms. Buerkle or her references, or to the redaction of past salary information. Employment, education, and professional association information is not exempt and we object to any redactions of such information; 2. Any conflicts or ethics waivers or authorizations for Ann Marie Buerkle, including authorizations pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502; and 3. Records reflecting any recusal determination made or issued for Ann Marie Buerkle. For items two and three of this request, please provide all responsive records from January 20, 2017, through the date of the search.

Dear Mr. Evers:

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking records from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

Records Category 1. Enclosed is a copy of the record responsive to your request: Ms. Buerkle's resume. Her resume was redacted pursuant to Exemption 6 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). Exemption 6 permits withholding personnel, medical files, and similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Here, the redacted information includes Ms. Buerkle's personal address and personal contact information. Note that the resume that she submitted for employment did not contain salary information. However, Ms. Buerkle's CPSC salary was preset by statute. See 5 U.S.C. § 5315.

Records Category 2. Ms. Buerkle's conflicts and ethics waiver information is publicly available on the Office of Government Ethics website, <https://www.oge.gov/>.

Records Category 3. Ms. Buerkle confirmed that she did not have any recusals.

This completes the processing of FOIA request 19-F-00245.

FOIA Administrative Procedures

Right to appeal. If you are not satisfied with the response to this request, you may administratively appeal in writing, addressed to FOIA APPEAL, Office of the General Counsel, ATTN: Division of the Secretariat, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Room 820 Bethesda, MD 20814-4408.

Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted (cpscfoiarequests@cpsc.gov) within 90 days of the date of the response to your request. You may also fax your appeal to: 301-504-0127. You may contact us Monday – Friday from 8:00AM – 4:30PM EST by telephone at: 1-800-638-2772, by fax to: 301-504-0127.

Before filing a formal appeal with the CPSC, you may contact me or Senior FOIA Public Liaison Robert Dalton at rdalton@cpsc.gov or 1-800-638-2772 for further assistance or to discuss any aspect of your request. Assistance may include guidance on possible reformulation of your request or an alternative time frame for processing the request.

Right to Mediation. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, MD 20740-6001; e-mail at: ogis@nara.gov; telephone at: 202-741-5770; toll free at: 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile to: 202-741-5769.

Fees. No fees were charged.

Sincerely,

Abioye E. Mosheim
Chief FOIA Officer, and
Assistant General Counsel
Office of the General Counsel
Division of the Secretariat
P: 301-504-7454
E: amosheim@cpsc.gov

Attachment/Enclosure

CURRICULUM VITAE FOR ANN MARIE BUERKLE

U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION (CPSC)

Acting Chairman, February 2017 - Present

Commissioner, July 2013-Present

- Republican Commissioner appointed to a term that ends October 2018; confirmed by the United States Senate
- Designated Acting Chairman on February 9, 2017
- Administer laws that provide statutory authority to CPSC, including the Consumer Product Safety Act
- Work to strengthen relationships and engagement with manufacturers, retailers, consumer advocates, and other stakeholders to address safety issues jointly
- Champion fiscally conservative, pro-economic growth, smaller government policies that foster collaboration with the regulated community and reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens
- Advocate for education and voluntary consensus standards
- Favor a strong import surveillance program that ensures foreign manufacturers are held to the same standards as U.S. companies
- Honorary Chair of the Alliance for Consumer Education (ACE)

CONGRESSIONAL & POLITICAL EXPERIENCE

Member 112th United States Congress, 2011-2013

Representing the 25th District of the State of New York

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES & APPOINTMENTS

Member, House Committee on Oversight & Government Reform
 Vice Chair, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight, & Government Spending
 Member, Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services, Bailouts of Public and Private Programs

Member, House Committee on Foreign Affairs
 Vice Chair, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, & Trade
 Member, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, & Human Rights
 Member, Subcommittee on the Middle East & South Asia

Member, House Committee on Veterans' Affairs
 Chair, Subcommittee on Health,
 Subcommittee on Disability Assistance & Memorial Affairs

Member, Conference Committee on FY2012 National Defense Authorization Act

Congressional Delegate to the United Nations



Ann Marie Buerkle

I had the honor to represent the people of the 25th Congressional District of New York in the U.S. House of Representatives where I worked to improve the nation's economy and reduce wasteful government spending.

My work for good government, and effective policies continues as I now serve the American people at the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

More than ever, courageous leadership is necessary to restore the greatness of our nation.

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LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Authored legislation to require the VA to correct safety and security problems that had left too many veterans and VA employees vulnerable. The legislation, which President Obama signed into law, requires the VA to implement a comprehensive policy to prevent, monitor, report, and track sexual assaults and other safety incidents that occur at VA medical facilities in order to hold accountable those responsible.
- Authored legislation that clarifies existing law and provides clear guidance to the Thrift Board on how to honor IRS levies as they arise. The legislation, which President Obama signed into law, treats Federal employees the same as private sector employees, whose 401K accounts are subject to IRS levy.
- Authored H.R. 6218, The Mary Colella Autoimmune Disease Awareness Act of 2012, will require an assessment of national progress on autoimmune disease research, an update of the national strategic plan, and recommendations that can be used to develop a national curriculum on autoimmune diseases.
- Authored or co-sponsored multiple pieces of legislation that would repeal or delay provisions in the Affordable Care Act that would negatively impact hospitals, physicians, small businesses, seniors, and the middle class.
- Founder of Operation S.E.R.V.I.C.E (Supporting, Engaging, and Respecting Veterans in Communities Everywhere), a national awareness campaign designed to accomplish a two-fold purpose: 1) raise awareness about the issues facing our returning veterans and their families, and 2) help identify, educate, and equip community-based partners to assist veterans.

TASK FORCES & CAUCUSES

- Founder & Co-Chair, Caucus on Engaging Community Support for Veterans
- Co-Chair, Congressional Caucus on Women's Issues Human Trafficking Task Force
- Co-Vice Chair, Women's Policy Committee
- Congressional Taiwan Caucus
- The House Oceans Caucus
- Congressional Marcellus Shale Caucus
- Congressional Down Syndrome Caucus
- Congressional Victims' Rights Caucus
- Congressional Caucus on Unmanned Systems
- Congressional Native American Caucus
- GOP Doctors Caucus
- Bi-Partisan Congressional Pro-Life Caucus
- Congressional Military Family Caucus
- House Adult Literacy Caucus
- National Eating Disorders Awareness Caucus

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

New York State Assistant Attorney General, 1997-2010

Appointed by Attorney General Dennis Vacco

- Represented a major teaching Hospital in Upstate New York negotiating contracts with insurance companies, identifying and solving receivable issues; handling estate issues, workman's compensation issues, Medicaid, Medicare

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (continued from page two)

- Increased annual collections and revenues for Hospital from \$4 million to \$40 million
- Managed a staff of administrative assistants, paralegals and one attorney

Councilor-at-large Syracuse Common Council, 1994-1995

Appointed by Mayor Roy Bernardi to fill vacancy on City Council; served on Economic Development Committee

In-Service Instructor at St. Joseph's Hospital, 1978-1979

Managed and conducted evening continuing education courses for staff nurses regarding relevant and timely health and safety issues

EDUCATION

Syracuse University College of Law, JD
1991-1994

Le Moyne College, BS
1976-1977

St. Joseph's School of Nursing, RN
1969-1972

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

- The Toy Association's 2017 Champion of Play Award (2017)
- Central New York Conservatives, Inc. Torch Award (2015)
- Disabled American Veterans Congressional Leadership Award (2012)
- Friend of the Farm Bureau Congressional Award (2012)
- National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) Guardian of Small Business Award (2012)
- Susan B. Anthony Distinguished Leader Award (2012)
- The Concord Coalition Paul E. Tsongas Economic Patriot Award (2012)
- US Chamber of Commerce Spirit of Enterprise Award (2012)
- International Foodservice Distributors Association Thomas Jefferson Award (2012)
- RetireSafe Standing Up for America's Seniors Award (2012, 2011)
- 60 Plus Association Guardian of Seniors' Rights Award (2012, 2011)
- NWYC Constituent Communications Award (2011)
- Century Council Distillers Fighting Drunk Driving and Underage Drinking (2011)
- Club for Growth Defender of Economic Freedom (2011)
- The Frederick Douglas Foundation Harriet Tubman Trailblazer Award (2011)
- Italian Heritage Society Christopher Columbus Outstanding Public Service Award (2011)
- West End Republican Committee 45th Annual Installation TIP of the Hat Award (2011)
- Leo Holmsten Human Life Award (2011)
- Wayne County Conservative Party Bush Award (2011)

PERSONAL

- Mother of six and grandmother of eighteen