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The Honorable Roger Wicker Chairman Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation United States Senate Washington DC 20510 The Honorable Maria Cantwell Ranking Member Committee on Commerce, Science, and and Transportation United States Senate Washington DC 20510

RE: <u>Support</u> for the Nicholas and Zachary Burt Memorial Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act

Dear Chairman Wicker and Ranking Member Cantwell:

On behalf of the broad constituencies represented by the undersigned organizations, we are writing to express support for the Nicholas and Zachary Burt Memorial Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act. This bipartisan legislation promotes the purchase and installation of carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in residential homes and dwelling units nationwide.

Please note that the House version of this legislation, H.R. 1618, passed that chamber unanimously on September 17, 2019. The House-passed version of H.R. 1618 includes broader recognition of and support for state CO poisoning prevention activities—compared to its original text and that of the Senate bill, S. 481—by recognizing state adoption and implementation of the International Fire Code (IFC) and International Residential Code (IRC). We support these changes and urge you to align S.481 with0.0946 Tc[Th)]TJETQ0.00000912 0 612 792 reW*nBT/F2 11q0.00002BT/ 0 0 f32 reW*nETQ0.00000912 Drm2

that a dangerous concentration of CO is present, which can occur whenever a fuel-burning appliance such as a furnace, water heater, stove, or generator malfunctions or is used improperly. Other common household sources of CO include fireplaces and vehicles left running in attached garages.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, each year approximately 430 Americans die from unintentional CO poisoning not linked to fires

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