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## **Pool Safety Council Applauds the Choice of Tenenbaum for Consumer Product Safety Commission**

WASHINGTON, DC – June 16, 2009 – The Pool Safety Council praises the Obama administration for nominating Inez Moore Tenenbaum to be chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

With her exemplary record as the state superintendent of education in South Carolina, Tenenbaum possesses the skills necessary to make this country's swimming pools and spas the safest in the world. As an educator, Tenenbaum was responsible for ensuring that our schools are safe and healthy places for learning, so it will be a natural extension for her to see that our pools meet the highest standards including implementing The Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act.

"For children aged one to fourteen, drowning is the second-most common cause of accidental death," said PSC Spokesman John Procter. "We are confident that the new chairman will make pool safety and making our pools compliant with the new requirements a top priority this summer."

The Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act is named after the granddaughter of former Secretary of State James Baker, who died in an entrapment accident in 2002. The law stipulates that before opening this year, all public pools and spas must be outfitted with approved safety drain covers. Public pools with single drain pools and spas must be outfitted with an approved anti-entrapment device, such as a safety vacuum release system. The Pool Safety Council recommends the installation layers of protection in all pools, including the use of approved anti-entrapment drain covers, as well as other approved systems or devices.

Additional information can be found on the Pool Safety Council's website at [www.poolsafetycouncil.org](http://www.poolsafetycouncil.org) or on the Consumer Product Safety Commission's pool safety website at: [www.poolsafety.gov](http://www.poolsafety.gov)

PSC is a non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention of child drowning nationwide. For additional information, including guidance on Pool and Spa Safety Act guidance requirements, please visit our website at: [www.poolsafetycouncil.org](http://www.poolsafetycouncil.org).