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Dear Chairman Lewis:

American Wood Fibers and the below manufacturers of animal bedding wish to express their strong support for proposed items 232-7 and 260-5 regarding animal bedding coming before the L&R Committee and the upcoming annual meeting of NCWM.

Once enacted, item 232-7 will provide consumers with more easily understood package labeling, allow for better comparisons between varying products and eliminate erroneous and confusing information often found on animal bedding packages.

Item 260-5 will create a volume test method that is less subjective, more repeatable and therefore will allow for a more level playing field among competing products than the current method. In addition, it should be more defensible, should litigation arise from future disputes of field test results.

We urge the L&R Committee, and the conference as a whole to vote in favor of the adoption of both of these items.

Regards,  
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