



Public Health Advocates Form Committee to Ban Asbestos in America

Committee Calls on the U.S. Congress and the President to Swiftly Ban Asbestos

Washington, D.C. --- June 4, 2008...Public health advocates, led by the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO) and The John McNamara Foundation, today announced the formation of the Committee to Ban Asbestos in America (CBAA). Asbestos kills more than 10,000 men, women and children every year. The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported mesothelioma deaths increased from 2004 to 2005 in "Health, United States, 2007." Since first tracked in 1980, mesothelioma deaths have increased every year.

"As recommended by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) in 1976 the only way to prevent asbestos-related diseases is to ban its use, the CBAA supports language in a Committee Print before the House Energy & Commerce Subcommittee on Environment & Hazardous Materials," said Linda Reinstein, Chairperson of the Committee to Ban Asbestos in America. "We are calling on the U.S. Congress and the President to do the right thing and ban asbestos in America and fund critical medical programs. Doctors and scientists agree: asbestos is a carcinogen and that there is no safe level of exposure. Preventing asbestos exposure is the only way to eliminate asbestos caused diseases. Recent ADAO product testing confirmed asbestos is still found in consumer products including toys."

"Asbestos and the manufacturers of asbestos are responsible for creating the largest man made health crisis in this country," said TC McNamara, Founder of The John McNamara Foundation. "Asbestos went from being a miracle product to a serial killer which makes this legislation long overdue, but now is the time to ban asbestos in America."

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About the Committee to Ban Asbestos in America

The Committee to Ban Asbestos in America (CBAA), formed by public health advocates including the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO) and The John McNamara Foundation is dedicated to preventing asbestos exposure and eliminating asbestos-caused diseases.

About Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization

The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO), founded by asbestos victims and their families in 2004, seeks to give asbestos victims and concerned citizens a united voice to help ensure that their rights are fairly represented and protected. ADAO seeks to raise public awareness about the dangers of asbestos exposure and deadly asbestos related diseases. ADAO is an independent organization funded through voluntary contributions and staffed by volunteers. For more information visit www.asbestosdiseaseawareness.org

About The John McNamara Foundation



The John McNamara Foundation, founded by the McNamara family, works to ban asbestos and offers support and assistance to mesothelioma patients and their families.

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