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ADAO Urges Senate for Passage of ‘National Asbestos Awareness Week’

Legislation Promotes Increased Awareness of the Dangers of Asbestos

Washington, DC ... March 16, 2007 --- The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO), an organization dedicated to serving as the voice of asbestos victims, today urges the United States Senate to unanimously pass S. Res. 108 designating the first week of April as “National Asbestos Awareness Week.”

“This Resolution continues to recognize the national tragedy created by the continued uncontrolled dissemination and use of products containing asbestos in the United States,” said Dr. Richard Lemen, former Assistant Surgeon General and Co-chairman of the ADAO Science Advisory Board.

“While the most devastating asbestos related disease may be mesothelioma, we should not forget the much larger number of lung cancers that arise from asbestos exposure, the interactions with smoking, and the many other cancers such as GI, larynx, and kidney that can also arise. Also, asbestosis continues to affect many who have been exposed to asbestos over the years,” stated Dr. Arthur L. Frank, Chairman of the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health at Drexel University and Co-chairman of the ADAO Science Advisory Board.

“The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization asks the Senate to continue their leadership in addressing this preventable public health crisis by urging the Surgeon General to warn and educate Americans that asbestos exposure may be hazardous to their health,” said Linda Reinstein, Executive Director and Co-founder of the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization.

To recognize National Asbestos Awareness Week, ADAO will hold its third annual conference and Remembrance Service at Drexel School of Public Health on March 31st and April 1st respectively in Philadelphia.

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