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Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization Launched to Serve as the Voice of Asbestos Victims

Organization to Support the Rights of Asbestos Victims to Help Ensure Early Detection, Better Treatment Options and Legal Justice

Washington, DC ... April 1, 2004 --- Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO), an organization dedicated to serving as the voice of asbestos victims, today announced its formal launch. ADAO, founded by asbestos victims and their families, will work to unite asbestos victims, educate the medical community and concerned citizens regarding early detection, prevention, treatment and a cure for asbestos related diseases. In addition, ADAO is dedicated to ensuring compensation and legal justice for the victims.

“Our first priority is to defeat Senate Bill 1125 or any legislation that doesn’t adequately represent the rights of asbestos victims,” said Linda Reinstein, Executive Director, Asbestos Disease Awareness. “Senate Bill 1125, the Fairness in Asbestos Injury Resolution Act, is not fair to these victims. It further penalizes asbestos victims and condones outrageous corporate misconduct.”

The occurrence of asbestos-related diseases, including mesothelioma, lung cancer and asbestosis, is growing out of control. Studies estimate that during the next decade, 100,000 victims in the United States will die of an asbestos related disease – equaling 30 deaths per day.

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About Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization

Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO) was founded by asbestos victims and their families. We seek to give asbestos victims a united voice to help ensure that our rights are fairly represented and protected. This includes our right to medical research and treatments aimed at early detection, prevention and a cure for asbestos related diseases; our right to file suit based on the merits of our individual asbestos related injustice; and the right to fair compensation. In addition, ADAO strives to implement an asbestos-caused disease national database registry - to help unite victims of these tragic asbestos-related diseases. ADAO also works to support efforts to ban the use of asbestos and help protect future generations. As an independent organization, Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization will not be influenced by outside sources such as drug companies, law firms or companies that manufacture or use asbestos. ADAO is fully funded through voluntary contributions and staffed by volunteers.

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