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***ADAO Applauds Unanimous Passage of Senator Patty Murray's Ban Asbestos in America Act by
U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works***

WASHINGTON, DC...July 31, 2007 --- The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO), an organization dedicated to serving as the voice of asbestos victims, today praised the passage of Senator Patty Murray (D-WA)'s Ban Asbestos in America Act of 2007 by the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. The bill was unanimously voted out of Committee and will now move to the Senate floor.

The Ban Asbestos in America Act is an effort to ban all production and use of asbestos in America, launch public education campaigns to raise awareness about its dangers and expand research and treatment of diseases caused by asbestos. Murray's legislation, which was first introduced in the 107th Congress, will also authorize additional studies to determine which commercial products today still contain asbestos, increase funding for asbestos-related diseases, and call for a national mesothelioma registry to help public health professionals track this deadly asbestos-related disease.

"Senator Patty Murray's Ban Asbestos in America Act is critical if we are to end the asbestos epidemic and we applaud the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works for their clear recognition of its importance with today's bipartisan effort and unanimous vote of support," said Linda Reinstein, Executive Director and Cofounder of Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO). "We praise Senator Murray as well as Chairwoman Senator Barbara Boxer, Ranking Member Senator James Inhofe and Senator Johnny Isakson for their leadership in taking the voices of asbestos victims to a level that can no longer be ignored. We now look to the Senate to follow this Committee's important lead by moving this monumental bill even closer to law. We look forward to the day when asbestos disease will no longer needlessly claim lives."

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 in 2004. ADAO seeks to give asbestos victims a united voice to help ensure that their rights are fairly represented and protected, and raise public awareness about the dangers of asbestos exposure and the often deadly asbestos related diseases. ADAO is funded through voluntary contributions and staffed by volunteers. For more information visit www.asbestosdiseaseawareness.org.

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