



## **Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization Executive Briefing Summary**

### **Scott Faber, Vice President of Government Affairs, Environmental Working Group**

- In the cases of asbestos, Trump's EPA chose to exclude from its evaluation many reasonable foreseeable uses -and many known uses, including legacy uses.
- No one should be surprised that Donald Trump and his appointees would seek to keep asbestos legal.

### **Raja Flores, MD, Chair of the Department of Thoracic Surgery, Mount Sinai School of Medicine**

- 70,000 workers from the World Trade Center Health Program
  - Half chronic conditions
  - 10-15 new cancers a week
  - Asbestos carcinogens are big culprit

### **Mike Mattmuller, Mesothelioma Patient**

- I am the new face of mesothelioma patients, and I am only 36—with a baby girl.
- Independent investigations in 2000, 2007, 2015, 2017, and 2018 confirmed asbestos in consumer products in the U.S., including children's toys.

### **Patrick Morrison, International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF)**

- According to the NIOSH Firefighter study, "Firefighters have a rate of mesothelioma two times greater than the rate in the U.S. population as a whole."
- There is no safe level of exposure to asbestos, a known carcinogen, and it becomes especially dangerous when the microscopic asbestos fibers become dislodged and airborne.

### **Linda Reinstein, President and Co-Founder, Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (CA)**

- The EPA OIG reported, "Asbestos in Schools Not a Top Priority for EPA." It also reported, "Asbestos exposure risk is higher in children because they are more active, breathe at higher rates and through the mouth, and spend more time closer to the floor where asbestos fibers can accumulate."
- The chlor-alkali industry is the largest asbestos importer and user of hundreds of tons of chrysotile asbestos.

### **Bob Sussman, Former EPA Deputy Administrator and Senior Policy Counsel to the EPA Administrator**

- The ongoing presence of asbestos in millions of homes, schools and public and commercial buildings is a serious public health threat yet EPA has refused to assess these pervasive sources of exposure in its asbestos risk evaluation.
- EPA's knowledge of current asbestos importation and use in the US is shockingly incomplete and it has exempted asbestos from mandatory reporting requirements that would reveal how much asbestos is entering the United States, where it is going and who is being exposed.