



## **Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization**

The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO) is the largest independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to preventing asbestos exposure, eliminating asbestos-related diseases, and protecting asbestos victims' civil rights through education, advocacy, and community initiatives.

Asbestos, a known human carcinogen, remains legal and lethal in the United States and imports continue. In fact, after years of declining use, asbestos imports doubled from 2015 – 2016.

Each year, nearly 40,000 Americans die from asbestos-caused diseases such as: mesothelioma, lung, ovarian, and laryngeal cancers, as well as non-malignant lung, and respiratory diseases.

### **ADAO Supports Legislation or EPA Rules that would:**

1. Prohibit asbestos imports, use, mining, and manufacturing without any exemptions or loopholes
2. Assess the risks of all asbestos exposure pathways and uses, considering all demonstrated cancer and non-cancer health effects linked to asbestos.
3. Protect and enforce existing public health and environmental regulations
4. Implement the Lautenberg Chemical Safety Act (LCSA) according to the statutory language and deadlines
5. Assure full disclosure of all importation and use of asbestos and asbestos-containing products

### **ADAO Opposes Legislation or EPA Rules that would:**

1. Exclude legacy asbestos uses and disposal and the Libby amphibole from asbestos risk evaluations and regulations
2. Allow any industry, especially the Chlor-Alkali industry, to continue asbestos imports and use
3. Provide a path for re-introduction of discontinued asbestos products through a Significant New Use Rule (SNUR) or other mechanism
4. Repeal, replace, or modify regulations which protect the public health, safety, and the environment under the guise of reducing burdens on regulated industries
5. Minimize reporting and recordkeeping requirements for the US Environmental Protection Agency