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Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization
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Dear Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization Conference Attendees,

I want to send my heartfelt congratulations to the presenters and honorees of the 16th Annual Virtual Asbestos Awareness and Prevention Conference. Education and prevention are so important in my home state of Oregon and everywhere across the nation.

As you advance education and prevention this weekend, please know that I also remain committed to working in Congress to eliminate all asbestos-caused disease in the U.S.

Roughly 40,000 Americans die each year from asbestos-related causes, and this number will not decline until we take decisive action to protect Americans from asbestos. Every day that asbestos imports and use continue here in America is a day that workers and consumers continue to be exposed to this deadly carcinogen. It's time for the United States to join dozens of other countries across the developed world, and ban asbestos once and for all.

Together, with ADAO and with your advocacy as individuals, we can work together to end this unnecessary death and suffering, protect public health, and finally bring our asbestos policy into the 21st century by reintroducing and finally passing the Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now Act.

I wish you all a successful conference, and thank you again for your advocacy on this tremendously important issue.

All my best,



Jeffrey A. Merkley
United States Senator

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Dear Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization Conference Attendees,

I want to thank you for the work that you're doing to raise awareness and combat asbestos related illnesses across the United States.

And I want to congratulate the presenters and honorees of the 16th Annual Virtual Asbestos Awareness and Prevention Conference. Your work is critically important and appreciated.

In my home state of Montana, particularly in Lincoln County, asbestos has a long, troubling history linked to devastating illnesses and damaged communities. Each year, more than 40,000 Americans die from asbestos exposure, and since the closure of Libby's vermiculite mine in 1990, more than 200 Montanans have died from asbestos related illnesses, and thousands more are still suffering.

That's why, with your help, I'll continue to fight in the United States Senate to permanently outlaw asbestos by leading the Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now Act through Congress, and by pressuring the EPA to regulate the substance under the Toxic Substance Control Act.

Together, we'll continue to work together to find solutions to the asbestos crisis in our country, and put this toxic carcinogen behind us once and for all.

Thank you again for all that you do, and please know that my door is always open.

Sincerely,



Jon Tester

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September 18, 2021

To the Attendees of the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization Conference,

In its 16th year the Asbestos Awareness and Prevention Conference has continued to raise needed awareness of the risks associated with asbestos exposure and the medical risks and I want to thank you for your continued advocacy. I want to extend my thanks to the presenters and honorees of this year's conference as well.

Montanans know all too well the dangers of asbestos. Throughout the year but especially throughout the month of September, we are reminded that it is imperative we continue to bring awareness of these health risks and work towards solutions that eliminate these risks. Libby, Montana is an epicenter for mesothelioma, and I will continue to advocate on their behalf. Tragically, thousands of Americans die every year from asbestos-related diseases, and it's the continued work of those such as yourself that will bring forth the awareness necessary to protect at-risk communities and residents.

I look forward to continuing to shed light on this issue, and I wish you all a successful conference.

Sincerely,



STEVE DAINES
United States Senator