

## United States Senate

To the Attendees of the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization Conference,

Every year, the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO) puts on this important event to raise awareness of the risks associated with asbestos exposure. And while we know a lot more today than we did when you hosted your first Asbestos Disease Organization Awareness Conference 17 years ago, we've still got a lot more to do to make sure those suffering from asbestos exposure get the health care and information they need. Thanks to your continued advocacy, you have not only given hope to folks across the country who have been exposed, but you have saved the lives of many more who may otherwise not have known the dangers of asbestos exposure.

Throughout the year, but especially during the month of September, we are reminded of the detrimental effects asbestos has had on our local communities. This year, I again led the resolution to recognize Asbestos Awareness Week because Montanans unfortunately know the dangers of asbestos all too well. In fact, Libby, Montana is an epicenter for mesothelioma. And while Montanans are disproportionately impacted by asbestos exposure and illness, thanks to the work of doctors at the Card Clinic like Dr. Black, we're developing the tools to fight this terrible epidemic. Thousands of Americans die every year from asbestos-related diseases, and it's up to us to make sure we put an end to this lethal trend. So thank you again for all you do to raise awareness of asbestos exposure across the Treasure State. You are saving lives.

I look forward to continuing to work alongside you to shed light on this issue and secure the resources folks need. I wish you all a successful conference.

Senator Jon Tester

