



20th Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization Congressional Staff Briefing Executive Summary Quotes

Speakers

1. Brent Kynoch, Environmental Information Association
2. Linda Reinstein, Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization
3. Greg Russell, International Association of Fire Fighters
4. Robert Sussman, JD, Counsel, Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization

Brent Kynoch, Environmental Information Association (EIA)

- "Legacy does not mean gone. It means already installed, and it becomes a hazard the moment someone disturbs it."
- "Identify before you disturb. Every renovation, repair, and demolition in an older building should begin with that step."

Linda Reinstein, Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO)

- "Every asbestos death is preventable. Prevention is the only cure."
- "Nearly 70 countries have banned asbestos. The United States owes its workers, citizens, and families the same protection."

Greg Russell, International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF)

- "Firefighters cannot choose what is inside the building when the alarm sounds. Prevention has to happen before we arrive."
- "Twenty-five years after 9/11, responders are still being diagnosed. Congress can prevent the next generation of cases by passing ARBAN."

Bob Sussman, JD, Counsel for the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization

- "EPA has found that both ongoing and legacy asbestos uses present unreasonable risk. While the science is settled, the legal battles continue."
- "With the many unresolved legal issues and EPA pulling back on legacy asbestos, only Congress can provide comprehensive protection of public health."