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August 29, 2025

Dear Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization conference attendees,

I want to extend my warmest congratulations to the presenters and honorees of the 2025 Annual Asbestos Awareness and Prevention Conference. ADAO's dedicated advocacy continues to make critical strides in our ongoing efforts to ban asbestos and put an end to preventable, asbestos-related diseases and deaths.

Our work to protect public health and ban asbestos is now more critical than ever. As we gather to explore the intersection of asbestos prevention, policy, and the law, I want to first reflect and celebrate the progress we have achieved thus far. Through tireless advocacy, we have made strides to protect public health from the harms of asbestos and promote commonsense policy to end avoidable tragedies. While we have achieved some successes, more work remains to be done and we must continue our fight.

In 2024, the Biden administration took critical action to ban ongoing uses of chrysotile asbestos. Now, the Environmental Protection Agency must look at the other asbestos fiber types, and address legacy asbestos that still presents an unreasonable risk to public health. I will continue to defend this rule to ensure the United States joins the international community and bans asbestos once and for all. With your continued advocacy, we have also made progress with the Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now Act. This legislation, which would prohibit the manufacture, processing, use, and distribution in commerce of commercial asbestos, and is now more critical than ever. ADAO has been an indispensable ally in this effort, and I look forward to our continued cooperation as we push for the passage of this bill.

While we celebrate two decades of ADAO's impactful work, we must not lose sight of the urgency of our mission. Together, we will continue to overcome institutional obstacles, delays, and efforts to undermine domestic public health protections. Tragically, approximately 40,000 Americans die each year from asbestos-related causes. Until we take decisive action to protect all Americans from asbestos exposure, too many American families will continue to face the grief that comes with asbestos disease.

I commend ADAO's work to continue this critical dialogue and bring together experts who can discuss how to best promote change. Your continued advocacy, expertise, and passion are crucial in achieving this goal.

JEFFREY A. MERKLEY
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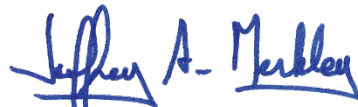
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I wish you all a successful and productive conference. Your work saves lives, and I am honored to stand with you in this fight. Together, we can and will make asbestos exposure a tragedy of the past.

All my best,



Jeffrey A. Merkley
United States Senator

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September 12, 2025

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

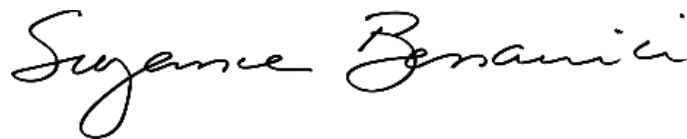
Thank you and congratulations to the presenters and honorees of the 21st Annual Asbestos Awareness and Prevention Conference! Your advocacy is vital in the fight to improve public health and safety.

It is dangerous and unacceptable that the United States still allows the importation, manufacturing, and distribution of asbestos — a known carcinogen that has claimed too many lives in our country and around the world. We know that asbestos exposure continues to cause devastating health effects, particularly for those working in conditions where this deadly material is or was present. I applaud your tireless efforts to safeguard the health of workers and families, and I am deeply grateful for our longstanding partnership and your ongoing advocacy.

I will continue to champion this important cause in Congress. Working with Senator Merkley, we remain steadfast in our efforts to pass the Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now (ARBAN) Act, the most comprehensive asbestos ban Congress has seen in more than 30 years. This crucial legislation will ban the importation, manufacturing, and distribution of asbestos in the United States, aligning our practices with more than 60 other nations that have already taken this critical step.

I hope you have an informative and thought-provoking conference. As we work through the legislative and regulatory barriers ahead, your expertise, passion, and advocacy remain indispensable. Again, thank you for our continued partnership on this incredibly important issue as we work toward a future free from the dangers of asbestos.

Sincerely,



Suzanne Bonamici
Member of Congress



Congressman Don Bacon
Second Congressional District of Nebraska

Dear Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization Conference Attendees,

It is a privilege to recognize the [20th Annual Asbestos Awareness and Prevention Conference](#) and to commend the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization for more than 20 years of courageous advocacy, education, and community building.

Asbestos has caused immeasurable harm to American families, including workers, veterans, and first responders who unknowingly carried the burden of toxic exposure. No family should have to endure the pain of losing a loved one to a preventable asbestos disease.

Although the [Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now \(ARBAN\) Act](#) has not been reintroduced this Congress, I continue to support ARBAN discussions and will work toward comprehensive legislation that bans all asbestos fibers in all uses. This is a matter of justice, prevention, and public health.

I remain proud to stand with ADAO, survivors, families, and advocates in this fight. Together, we can ensure that future generations live in a world free from the dangers of asbestos.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Don Bacon", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Don Bacon (R-NE) Member of Congress



25 August 2025

Linda Reinstein, President
Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization
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Dear Linda and ADAO Conference Attendees,

On behalf of the Collegium Ramazzini, we extend our warmest congratulations to the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization on the 20th Asbestos Awareness and Prevention Conference. For more than two decades, ADAO has brought together survivors, families, scientists, and advocates to shine a light on the devastating impact of asbestos and to drive action to end its use. This year's theme, *"Building on Dr. Selikoff's Legacy in Asbestos Science, Prevention & Justice,"* powerfully captures the importance of uniting evidence, advocacy, and action to protect public health.

The mission of the Collegium Ramazzini is to increase scientific knowledge of the environmental and occupational causes of disease and to transmit this knowledge to decision-makers, the media, and the global public in order to protect public health, prevent disease, and save lives worldwide. It is in this spirit that we are proud to stand with ADAO and reaffirm our support for the introduction and passage of comprehensive legislation that bans all asbestos fibers in all uses.

There is no safe level of asbestos exposure. Yet asbestos continues to be imported, manufactured, and used in the United States, even as nearly 70 countries have already banned it. Each year, approximately 40,000 Americans die from asbestos-related diseases—deaths that are entirely preventable. This reality underscores the urgency of our shared mission.

The Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now (ARBAN) Act represents the most comprehensive path forward. While it has not yet been reintroduced in this Congress, we join with ADAO in urging lawmakers to act swiftly to protect workers, families, and communities. Prevention is the only cure for asbestos disease, and together we can ensure that this generation is the last to suffer from asbestos exposure.

The Collegium Ramazzini salutes ADAO for its unwavering leadership. As we carry forward the spirit of Dr. Irving Selikoff's pioneering work, we look forward to continuing our partnership in the fight for science, prevention, and justice.

With admiration and solidarity,

Sincerely,

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September 11, 2025

Linda Reinstein, President
Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization
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Dear Linda,

On behalf of the nearly 360,000 members of the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), I am excited to celebrate the 21st Anniversary of the ADAO/IAFF partnership and the 20th annual Asbestos Disease Awareness and Prevention Conference. Since 2004, the IAFF has proudly stood with you, united by our shared mission to battle against asbestos. Our joint commitment has led us to champion legislation to rid our communities of the adverse health impacts of this toxin. Our work has never been more critical; this is a zero-fail mission.

Each September, the IAFF honors our members who have lost their lives in the line of duty, including those taken by asbestos-related illnesses. These brave men and women are more than just part of the 40,000 Americans who fall victim to asbestos-related diseases each year—they represent the heart and soul of our profession. Their sacrifice underscores the urgent need for our continued efforts to protect fire fighters, and all other Americans, from asbestos. Each of them drives us to fight for a safer, healthier future.

Cancer continues to be fire fighters' most significant threat. As we continue our fight against all carcinogens, it is critical to remember asbestos as one of the most challenging toxins. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has recognized that there is no safe level of asbestos exposure. The continued importation of this toxin into our communities is a clear and present danger for fire fighters and the general public alike. Passage of the Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now Act (ARBAN) remains one of our highest priorities. ARBAN will safeguard our members and the citizens we serve from asbestos exposures.

Our union is also committed to continuing our partnership to drive meaningful regulatory action to assess, monitor, and remediate legacy asbestos in our communities. We cannot lose sight of the fact that countless buildings contain this silent toxin, which is unleashed when fires and other emergencies damage the

structure. Reducing the danger of legacy asbestos is also key to protecting the health and wellness of fire fighters and all other Americans.

I wish you tremendous success at this 20th annual conference. My heartfelt thanks go to ADAO for your partnership in driving research, supporting important legislation, and relentlessly supporting our nation's fire fighters. I look forward to many more years of collaboration and shared victories. Together, we will build a healthier and safer America.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Edward A. Kelly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Edward" and last name "Kelly" clearly legible.

Edward A. Kelly
General President



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August 27, 2025

VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

Linda Reinstein, President Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization
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Subject: Support for the 21st Annual Asbestos Awareness and Prevention Conference and the Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now Act

Dear Mrs. Reinstein,

Olin Corporation writes to lend our support and reaffirm our endorsement of the Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now Act. As the leader in total U.S. and global chlorine production and the largest U.S. and global producer from the asbestos diaphragm process, we continue to support the end of the use of asbestos in our industry.

While Olin is disappointed that the final rule from EPA on asbestos did not include our mutually supported two years for final installations plus five years for complete purging timeline for phaseout, we continue to support a legislative solution that will ensure this issue is addressed appropriately.

Olin will continue to work closely with you and the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO), and we will continue to collaborate and coordinate our efforts to support this legislation and encourage other industry stakeholders to engage in the legislative process. We believe strongly Congress can and should implement our reasonable timeline that would remove asbestos from US chlor alkali processes in a manner that does not compromise chlorine supplies to the country.

Olin continues to support an immediate ban on asbestos imports into the United States, and we are now working to transition away from asbestos in compliance with the final rule. Olin must carry out the extensive work of modifying thousands of individual diaphragm components with new material and to prevent any shortages of critical chlorine in a compressed timeline.

Olin again extends our sincere gratitude for your efforts on this issue, and your willingness to continue to bring every stakeholder into this important conversation. We eagerly anticipate the opportunity to collaborate with you in advancing this legislation. Together, we can drive meaningful change for the betterment of our industry and our communities.

Sincerely,

Kenneth T. Lane
President and Chief Executive Office

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