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**Subject:** Request to Issue the 2026 National Asbestos Awareness Week Resolution Warning

Dear Surgeon General Haridopolos,

On behalf of the [Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization](http://www.ADAO.org) (ADAO), an independent nonprofit dedicated to preventing asbestos exposure and eliminating asbestos-caused diseases, I write to express deep concern for the nearly [40,000 Americans who die each year from asbestos-related diseases](#).

As directed by the Senate’s bipartisan [21st National Asbestos Awareness Week \(April 1–7\) Resolution](#), I respectfully request that you “warn and educate people about the public health issue of asbestos exposure, which may be hazardous to their health.”

Asbestos is a known human carcinogen, and there is no safe level of exposure. Despite this, legacy asbestos remains present in homes, schools, workplaces, and the environment, continuing to pose an ongoing public health risk.

In prior years, seven U.S. Surgeons General have issued statements to educate the public about the dangers of asbestos and to reinforce the importance of following established regulations to prevent exposure. A renewed warning would provide critical, timely guidance to help protect Americans.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration. ADAO stands ready to support your efforts to protect public health through education and prevention.

Sincerely,

**Linda Reinstein**, President and Co-Founder, Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO)

## Previous U.S. Surgeon General Statements and Communications

- 2019 [U.S. Surgeon General Statement by Dr. Jerome Adams](#)
- 2018 [U.S. Surgeon General Statement by Dr. Jerome Adams](#)
- 2016 [U.S. Surgeon General Statement by Dr. Vivek H. Murthy](#)
- 2015 [U.S. Surgeon General Statement by Dr. Vivek H. Murthy](#)
- 2014 [U.S. Surgeon General Statement by Dr. Boris Lushniak](#)
- 2013 [U.S. Surgeon General Statement by Dr. Regina Benjamin](#)
- 2009 [U.S. Surgeon General Statement by Dr. Steven K. Galson](#)

### **ABOUT ADAO**

ADAO is a nonprofit, nonpartisan public interest organization concerned with preventing harm from exposure to asbestos through public education, collaboration with public officials and sharing information with the media, public health organizations and knowledgeable experts. The release of these requested records will contribute significantly to public understanding of the Executive Branch's activities to reduce harm from asbestos during the demolition of government buildings.