

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

September 14, 2026

Dear Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization conference attendees,

We want to extend our warmest congratulations to the presenters and honorees of the 2026 Annual Asbestos Awareness and Prevention Conference. ADAO's tireless 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 and has continued to gain momentum. As we gather to explore the intersection of asbestos prevention, policy, and the law, we want to first reflect and celebrate the progress we have achieved thus far. Through determined 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.

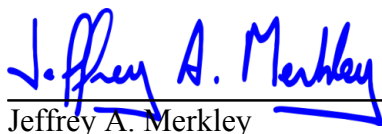
In 2024, the Environmental Protection Agency took critical action to ban ongoing uses of chrysotile asbestos. Now, the Environmental Protection Agency must look at the other asbestos fiber types, and address legacy asbestos that still presents an unreasonable risk to public health. With your continued advocacy, we have also made progress with the *Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now Act*, which would have the United States join the international community and ban asbestos once and for all. For the first time in ten years, this critical legislation has bipartisan support in both Chambers of Congress. This legislation, which would prohibit the manufacture, processing, use, and distribution in commerce of commercial asbestos, 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 vital 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.

We 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.

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

Sincerely,



Jeffrey A. Merkley
United States Senator



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September 1, 2026

VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

Linda Reinstein, President
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Dear Linda,

It has been a genuine privilege to work alongside you and the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO) this past year. Thank you for taking the time to visit our Freeport manufacturing site this year. Your willingness to meet with us and understand our issues and our process is what has made this relationship work, and it is something we do not take for granted.

I am writing to reaffirm Olin's support for the Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now Act. As the leader in total U.S. and global chlorine production and the largest producer using the asbestos diaphragm process, Olin is fully committed to ending the use of asbestos in our industry in a way that protects both public health and the reliable chlorine supply this country depends on.

I believe we have a real and genuine path to getting this legislation across the finish line. The relationships you have built, together with the alignment Olin has worked hard to develop among industry stakeholders, has created this opening. We will continue to work closely with you, bringing industry partners into the effort, to make the case directly to Congress that a reasonable, workable timeline can remove asbestos from U.S. chlor-alkali processes without disrupting critical chlorine supplies.

As you know, we were disappointed that EPA's final rule did not adopt the timeline we jointly supported. We continue to believe Congress can and should enact that reasonable approach, and we see a genuine opportunity. In the meantime, Olin is doing the hard work of compliance including modifying thousands of individual diaphragm components with new material, on a compressed schedule, to prevent any shortage of the chlorine communities and industries rely on every day. And we remain firmly behind an immediate ban on asbestos imports into the United States.

Olin is proud to support the 22nd Annual Asbestos Awareness and Prevention Conference, and we look forward to standing with you and the entire ADAO community again this year.

Linda, your leadership and determination continue to inspire all of us at Olin. Your husband's legacy is in strong hands, and we are honored to help carry this work forward. I look forward to everything we can accomplish together in the year ahead.

Sincerely,

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

Kenneth T. Lane
President and Chief Executive Officer
Olin Corporation



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September 4, 2026

Linda Reinstein, President
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Dear Linda,

On behalf of the more than 368,000 members of the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), I am proud to recognize the 22nd anniversary of the ADAO/IAFF partnership and the 21st annual Asbestos Disease Awareness and Prevention Conference.

Since 2004, the IAFF has proudly stood with you, united by our shared mission to prevent asbestos exposure and protect those at risk from this deadly carcinogen. Our joint commitment has led us to champion legislation to rid American communities of this toxin. Our work has never been more critical; this remains 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. This year, as we mark 25 years since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, we are especially mindful of the fire fighters and other responders exposed to asbestos and other toxins at the World Trade Center. Many survived that day only to become sick years later. Their sacrifice underscores the urgent need for our continued efforts to protect fire fighters – and all Americans – from asbestos. IAFF Chief Medical Officer Dr. Dan Whu, who deployed to Ground Zero after the attacks, will address that continuing threat at this year's conference.

Cancer continues to be the leading cause of line-of-duty death among fire fighters, and asbestos remains a serious occupational threat. There is no safe level of exposure, yet federal law still does not prohibit every form of asbestos. That is why the bipartisan reintroduction of the Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now Act is so critical. ARBAN will safeguard our members and the citizens we serve from a known and preventable threat.

I wish you tremendous success at the 21st annual conference. Thank you for ADAO's steadfast partnership in protecting fire fighters. The IAFF will continue standing with you until every community is protected from preventable asbestos exposure.

Sincerely,

Edward A. Kelly
General President



Linda,

On behalf of the Federal Fire Fighters Joint Council and personally, I want to extend our deepest gratitude and admiration for your 21 years of unwavering leadership, courage, and conviction in the battle against asbestos and the diseases it continues to inflict on workers, families, and communities.

Your latest filings in the EPA Part 1 chrysotile asbestos rule case once again demonstrate exactly why ADAO has become the nation's moral and strategic compass on asbestos policy. Your reply today reinforces what we have long known: ADAO is the leading voice ensuring that science, public health, and the lived experiences of asbestos victims are not drowned out by industry attempts to broaden, delay, or derail life-saving regulation.

Your advocacy protects future generations. It honors those we've lost. And it empowers those still fighting.

The Joint Council stands firmly with you — today and every day — in the push for prevention, accountability, and a future where no firefighter, no mechanic, no service member, no family, and no worker is ever again exposed to a known carcinogen because industry found a loophole or a court entertained an argument that never belonged in the record.

Thank you for your leadership, your resolve, and your 21 years of refusing to let this issue fade into silence. You have changed the national conversation, and you continue to change the future.

With respect and solidarity,

Mike Jackson
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