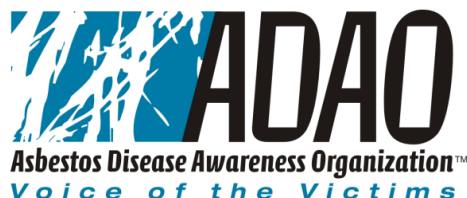


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RE:

U.S. Senate EPW Full Committee Hearing, "Strengthening Public Health Protections by Addressing Toxic Chemical Threats," on Wednesday, July 31 at 9:30 AM

Opposition to Chemical Safety Improvement Act S. 1009

Dear Senator,

On behalf of the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO), the largest independent asbestos victims' organization in the U.S., I am writing to encourage you to attend the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (EPW) hearing entitled, "Strengthening Public Health Protections by Addressing Toxic Chemical Threats." The EPW hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 31, 2013 at 09:30 AM EDT in the EPW Hearing Room – 406 Dirksen.

Our organization and your constituents are concerned S. 1009 does not deliver meaningful reform to the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) as it will not protect Americans from the worst toxic chemicals, such as asbestos.

Each year, 10,000 Americans die from preventable asbestos-related diseases. Occupational, environmental, and consumer asbestos exposure continues throughout the nation, jeopardizing the health of countless men, women, and children. As Congress works to reform TSCA, ADAO urges you to attend the EPW hearing on July 31st to support a stronger S 1009 that protects Americans from asbestos and other toxic chemicals.

Thank you for your commitment to public health. I look forward to serving as a resource to you.

Sincerely,

Linda Reinstein

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