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Dear

For a local member who is not a cabinet minister Dear Mr./Mrs./Ms

For a local member who is a cabinet Minister Dear Minister XXXXXX

Re: Asbestos Ban

Asbestos is a known killer, its use banned by more than 50 countries. Our new Federal Government promised to ban its import and use in Canada, but it is still being imported. Public Services and Procurement Canada has prohibited the use of asbestos-containing materials in public construction and renovation – a good first step. And yet more than 4.3 million dollars' worth of brake pads, pipes and construction materials containing asbestos have been imported into Canada so far this year according to Statistics Canada.

Asbestos is persistent, and adding to the amount already in Canada condemns even more of us to lung cancer and mesothelioma. Inhaling asbestos fibres released by activities such as the wearing down of brake pads can result in cancer-related illness 20 to 40 years later. The current annual incidence of 2300 Canadians diagnosed with asbestos-caused diseases will only rise.

Why is there a delay in banning the import and use of asbestos? The science to support such a move is indisputable. It would cost the Government very little, if anything, and would save many from terrible suffering, keep health care costs from the resulting rise, and encourage the production and use of alternative asbestos-free products. Please pass the required legislation to ban the import and use of asbestos-containing materials as soon as possible.

Sincerely

Your name and signature