

The Asbestos Alliance Commends Rep. Cal Dooley For His Introduction of An Asbestos Bill

Adds To Growing Momentum for Reform This Year

Washington, D.C. April 10, 2003 -- The Asbestos Alliance welcomes Rep. Cal Dooley's introduction of the "Asbestos Victims Compensation Act of 2003."

"The Alliance appreciates Rep. Dooley's focus on America's asbestos litigation scandal and his leadership in offering a workable solution," said Michael Baroody, executive vice-president of the National Association of Manufacturers and chairman of The Asbestos Alliance Steering Committee. "Rep. Dooley's bill would establish medical criteria for asbestos lawsuits. This approach would ensure that the sick could pursue their claims immediately, while others would be able to bring their claims when and if they become sick in the future. These provisions should form the basis of any legislative solution."

"This bill is the latest evidence of momentum for reform. The Asbestos Alliance is committed to working with Rep. Dooley, Rep. Chris Cannon, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, Sen. Don Nickles and others on Capitol Hill to get bipartisan legislation passed this year. Congress must act before it's too late for asbestos victims and their families, workers and retirees in affected companies, and everyone else hurt by the asbestos litigation crisis."

The Asbestos Alliance is a coalition that includes more than 200 companies, insurers, trade associations and other parties seeking congressional legislation to solve America's asbestos litigation crisis.

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