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Mr. Paul S. Sarbanes
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Sarbanes:

Enclosed is my continued correspondence with Dr. John Gowdy of the Food and Drug Administration, on the subject of regulation of asbestos- and talc-containing consumer goods.

One thing is clear to me at this point: the FDA is either unable or unwilling to take regulatory action; and, I don't think we should have to await another 40 years of mortality studies to know the degree of hazard to which the public is now being exposed.

Mr. Sarbanes, I urge you to use your influence to see that something is done about this situation. Of course, I will be glad to discuss it at length with you or members of your staff at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Barry Castleman
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