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Mr. Samuel T. Lawton
State of Illinois Pollution Control Board
189 West Madison Street
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Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear Mr. Lawton:

I am writing you to register concern on the part of Maremont Corporation relative to the proposed Illinois ban on asbestos in brake lining, effective after January 1, 1975.

Maremont currently produces, under the brand name "Grizzly", both passenger car and heavy duty vehicle brake lining for the aftermarket and has been a part of the Friction Material industry for over twenty years.

We are most concerned with this proposed legislation since it is our combined technical opinion that there is not, at the present time, nor will there be in the foreseeable future, a suitable alternative to asbestos in friction material that will yield the performance characteristics required in today's braking systems. Further, proposed federal improvements in braking systems to be effective after 1975 will require those manufacturers now participating in the industry to devote their time and energies to sophisticated improvements within an asbestos based product, making the research for an asbestos substitute a goal beyond the available technical abilities of most manufacturers, should that substitute really exist.

Mr. Lawton, I would appreciate your continued review of the matter and hope that Maremont's concern will be given appropriate consideration.

Sincerely,

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Vice President and General Manager
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