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Nancy Harvey Steorts, Chairman
Consumer Product Safety Commission
Washington, D.C. 20207

Dear Chairman Steorts:

I transmit herewith the report of the Chronic Hazard Advisory Panel on Asbestos.

The Panel concluded that on scientific grounds and as a matter of public health prudence, the Commission should regard asbestos at all levels of exposure as a potential human carcinogen.

We recognize that such a conclusion in the absence of means for quantitative risk estimation confronts a regulatory agency with a difficult dilemma. Accordingly we have developed, and include in the report, a suggested approach to quantitative risk estimation (albeit with appropriate caveats as to unavoidable uncertainties).

This report has perhaps been more extensive than originally planned; however, as the analysis proceeded, the Panel became convinced that a thorough examination and presentation was important for the support of the Panel's major conclusion. However, in order to meet the requirements of readers' varying technical backgrounds, the issues are developed at three levels: a brief summary, followed by a somewhat more technical exposition, which in turn is succeeded by a detailed and fully referenced section.

The Panel has extensively discussed and reached agreement on almost all issues; in one case (which is identified) it was unable to reach total agreement. Thus the report as submitted has the complete concurrence of the Panel, and the members have so indicated by affixing their signatures below.

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With the hope that our efforts will be helpful to the Commission,
we respectfully submit our report.

Sincerely,

Norton Nelson

Norton Nelson, Chairman
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