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5) Would your company go on record and challenge a more stringent standard (i.e. .1 fiber/cubic centimeter) if the effective date was 5 years in the future? 4 years in the future? 3 years in the future? 2 years in the future? 1 year in the future?

As I'm sure you're aware, there are a great variety of asbestos linings currently in use on Class 6, 7, and 8 tractors, trucks, buses and trailers. It will take vehicle manufacturers considerable time and expense to approve new materials to cover the variety of brakes, axle capacities, models and vocations currently being offered. The elimination of asbestos from lining materials will occur and we all need to expedite our efforts to make this conversion. However, the industry needs an appropriate time frame for this change or we'll end with another FMVSS-121 situation.

I hope you support these comments. In order to initiate an IH response to this regulation, I need your answers to the above questions on or before December 12, 1983.

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