



Asbestos Study Comm

AUTO FRICTION CORP.

MANUFACTURERS OF BRAKE LINING

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Mr. Samuel T. Lawton
State of Illinois
Pollution Control Board
185 West Madison Street
Suite 900
Chicago, Illinois 60602

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Dear Mr. Lawton:

It has come to my attention that the State of Illinois is considering regulations or legislation which would prohibit the use of asbestos in the manufacture of brake lining for use in your State.

I also understand, that there was a certain amount of disappointment expressed by members of your Board that there was a lack of response from the friction material manufacturers.

The reason that we have not responded before this, is that until I read a recent article in Chemical Week Magazine, I was not aware that regulations or legislation was being promulgated.

I may state quite succinctly two basic objections to this proposed regulation or legislation on the part of our Company:

1. There is a complete lack of availability of a known substitute at this time for asbestos in the manufacture of the broadest range of friction material products for safe and accepted use in automotive vehicles.
2. The Environmental Protection Agency of the U.S. Government has presently commissioned studies to be made concerning the extent of emission in the general environment from brake lining. The results of this study will not be reported until mid 1972.

I appreciate this opportunity to inform you of our comments, and remain,

Sincerely,
AUTO FRICTION CORPORATION

Norman Comins
Vice President

cc: Mr. E. W. Drislane
FMSI, New York

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