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Dear Mr. Jefferson:

General Motors is a large user of asbestos fibre and asbestos-containing products. In addition to millions of sets of brake linings and clutch facings, asbestos is used in gaskets, sound deadeners, adhesives and electrical components in GM vehicles. Also, they use many construction products such as asbestos-cement pipe and sheets, rolled roofing and floor tile for their plants.

General Motors has a long-standing commitment to protect the health and well-being of its employees, the general public and the environment. We applaud that commitment, and the conscientious manner with which it is applied.

General Motors' policy toward asbestos was presented in a paper by T. O. Mathues, Vice President Manufacturing Staff, to the AIA Government Industry Conference. It is attached for your review.

We believe it is in the best interest of society that industry take responsible positions similar to that of General Motors on issues such as this, where emotionalism has tended to skew rational direction. If your company has taken a position similar to General Motors regarding asbestos, or plans to, we would appreciate hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

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J. A. McKinney

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