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Secretary,
Consumer Product Safety Commission,
Washington, D.C. 20207

Dear Sir:

TOPPING CEMENT

Your letter dated August 12th, 1977 is not quite clear as to what you intend to do. Do you intend to ban consumer patching compounds with an asbestos ingredient?

UNIVERSAL CEMENT

We manufacture joint and taping compounds for industrial use using an asbestos ingredient. We have tried for some years to eliminate the asbestos content of our joint and taping compounds without success, spending thousands of dollars of wasted money.

SUPERTEX TEXTURE

In our country with our severe temperatures the asbestos is an essential part of the joint compound which prevents the material from cracking. A home owner purchasing a home or commercial buildings or government institutions specify that the wallboard joints be treated with the joint compound and finished with no visible cracks. The home owner purchasing a new home for over $60,000.00 has a right to demand that no cracks are in the joint compound.

WINDOW TRIMS

Workmen using our compounds with asbestos will not use asbestos free compounds as it increases there work load by 60% and they feel the job is hard enough now. When we produced an asbestos free material and put it on the market the workman would go out and buy asbestos from a lumberyard and put it in the product to make the material work easier to their satisfaction and not crack.

DOOR TRIMS

GLITTER ALL COLORS

If a ban is put on asbestos in joint compounds there will be literally dozens of bankruptcies among joint compound manufacturers. My own two firms will automatically go bankrupt as we have tried before to sell asbestos free material without success.

PAPER TAPE

A ban on joint or taping compounds with an asbestos ingredient which is controlled would be irresponsible on the part of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Yours very truly,
BETTER BOND DRY WALL PRODUCTS LTD.
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