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January 28, 1985

To: Health and Environmental Affairs Committee

Subject: State of Maryland proposal to legislate the prohibition of the
sale of "brakes containing asbestos"

This morning, several Members called advising that Mr. Dairl Bragg, now with Motor and Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMA), had called advising that the State of Maryland legislature was to hold a hearing on a bill which was to be introduced calling for the prohibition of the distribution, sale or offering for sale of "certain....brakes containing asbestos."

I had been aware that Maryland was considering introduction of such legislation as a result of a phone conversation I had earlier this month with the State of Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. I had asked at that time that they send me a copy of the proposed legislation. Their letter with the copy of the proposed bill was received later this morning.

I am enclosing a copy of the proposed bill, as well as the letter received from that Department.

After being advised of the hearing scheduled for Tuesday January 29 in Annapolis, I called Dairl Bragg. He may be attending this hearing. I discussed the materials I had sent to Maryland's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, who had been asked to give background to the Maryland Legislature concerning this bill. I discussed the differences in certain brake lining types (disc brake pads, drum brake linings and brake blocks) as regards progress with substitutes. I sent Mr. Bragg the same package I had sent the Maryland Department of Health earlier. This package was:

Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) Petition
Friction Materials Standards Institute Comments
Asbestos Information Association Comments

The foregoing is sent as a matter of information, and the Institute would welcome comments and suggestions as to a possible position.

E. W. Drislane
Executive Director

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Copy: Officers and Board of Directors

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January 18, 1985

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Dear Mr. Drislane:

Thank you for the information on brake linings provided during our January 11, 1985 phone conversation. I greatly appreciate the follow-up information which came in today's mail. As promised, enclosed is a copy of a bill on the subject, currently before the Maryland Legislature.

Please call me at 383-2759, if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

James W. Lewis
Industrial Hygienist
Division of Environmental
Disease Control

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Enclosures

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HOUSE OF DELEGATES

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No. 298
(PRE-FILED)

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By: Delegate DiPietro
Requested: November 15, 1984
Introduced and read first time: January 9, 1985
Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Asbestos - Automobile Brakes

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the distribution, sale, or
4 offering for sale of certain motor vehicle, trailer,
5 semitrailer, and pole trailer brakes containing asbestos;
6 and requiring the Motor Vehicle Administrator to enforce the
7 provisions of this Act.

8 BY adding to

9 Article - Transportation
10 Section 22-306(a) and (b)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1984 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 Article - Transportation

16 22-306.

17 (A) A PERSON MAY NOT DISTRIBUTE, HAVE FOR SALE, OFFER FOR
18 SALE, OR SELL FOR USE ON OR AS PART OF THE EQUIPMENT OF A MOTOR
19 VEHICLE, TRAILER, SEMITRAILER, OR POLE TRAILER ANY BRAKE THAT
20 CONTAINS ASBESTOS.

21 (B) THE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL ENFORCE THIS SECTION.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall
23 take effect July 1, 1985.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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Hearing: House Office Building
Economic Matters Committee
Tuesday, January 29, 1985, 1:00 PM

Introduced by: Delegate Di Pietro

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