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Mr. Richard Simpson, Chairman
U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission
1750 "K" Street NW
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Simpson:

I believe that the attached copy of a letter I have sent to the President of U.S. Gypsum Co. is self-explanatory.

What I find difficult to comprehend, in addition to the callousness towards the public welfare exhibited by the officials of U.S. Gypsum, and other companies, is your own agency's seeming inertia and indifference in the face of this serious problem. In checking with members of your agency I have been told that you have the issue "under advisement", and may require U.S. Gypsum and other companies to post a warning on their asbestos laden products at the "beginning of next year." My question to you, sir, is why delay till next year, and, indeed, why has your agency delayed this long in taking positive corrective action. Does your agency still need convincing that asbestos is a highly dangerous carcinogenic substance? Are you not aware that while you hold this matter under "advisement", perhaps hundreds of thousands of unsuspecting people throughout this country are ingesting possibly damaging or fatal amounts of asbestos fibers into their lungs?

I believe that I, as well as every other citizen whose physical welfare is affected by your agency's decisions, has a right to an answer to these vital questions.

Very truly yours,

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