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Representative Millicent Fenwick
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Subject: H. R. 5683 National Stockpile of Chrysotile Asbestos

Dear Mrs. Fenwick:

The Friction Materials Standards Institute is an association of most of the manufacturers of brake linings and clutch facings in this country. A list of our Membership is enclosed.

Chrysotile asbestos is a basic material used in the manufacture of brake linings and clutch facings. As you are aware, a major asbestos processing mill was destroyed by fire in December, and there has been a prolonged strike at the Canadian mines. Several of our members have had to limit production because of the current asbestos shortage.

Our Institute supports your H. R. 5683 to release the chrysotile asbestos in the national stockpile to help this industry, and the workers there employed.

When this Canadian strike is settled, market conditions should permit appropriate re-stocking of the national stockpile.

Sincerely,

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