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VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

Linda Reinstein, President
Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization
1525 Aviation Boulevard, Suite 318
Redondo Beach, California 90278

Subject: S.1069, the Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now Act of 2023

Dear Mrs. Reinstein,

Olin Corporation, one of the three remaining users of raw asbestos in the United States, writes to lend our support and formally endorse S.1069, the Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now Act of 2023. As the leader in total U.S. and global chlorine production and the largest U.S. and global producer from the asbestos diaphragm process, we are supporting the end of the use of asbestos in our industry.

While the EPA has been evaluating this issue under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for the last 7 years, Olin supports a legislative solution that will ensure this issue is addressed without what may amount to another decade of legal challenges and administrative delays. Olin pledges to work closely with you and the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO) and will collaborate and coordinate our efforts to support this legislation and refine it as it moves through the legislative process.

Olin supports an immediate ban on asbestos imports into the United States, which will protect those who may be exposed to this material along the supply chain. Olin will cease installation of new asbestos diaphragms within two years and purge the remaining asbestos from our assets within seven years, which is necessary to carry out the extensive work of modifying thousands of individual diaphragm components with new material and to prevent any shortages of critical chlorine in the meantime. Any suggestion by other industry groups or companies that this timeframe is unachievable is simply untrue—Olin has the largest asbestos diaphragm capacity of any producer in the world, and we are confident that this timeline is achievable.

The Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now Act of 2023 represents a pivotal stride towards eradicating this outdated technology that has already been eliminated in the rest of the developed world, while safeguarding the health and safety of all who may encounter this material. By advocating for the comprehensive ban of asbestos, including its importation, use, and sale within the United States, we can move the chemical industry into the 21st century.

Olin extends our sincere gratitude for your efforts on this issue, and we eagerly anticipate the opportunity to collaborate with you in advancing this legislation. Together, we can drive meaningful change for the betterment of our industry and our communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Sutton".

Scott Sutton
Chairman, President and CEO