

United States Senate

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The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

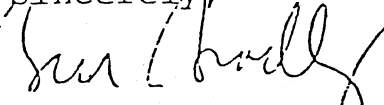
Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to urge your approval of S. 1658, the Asbestos Hazard Detection and Control Act of 1980. This important legislation would provide \$172.5 million in new federal aid to local and State education agencies and private schools for projects to detect and control potentially dangerous asbestos materials in school buildings.

Although the extent of the asbestos exposure problem appears to vary from district to district in and among the States, an informal investigation in New Jersey found that 265 of 2,400 schools had asbestos materials in student use areas. Given the serious hazards posed by the presence of asbestos in school buildings throughout the country, it is the responsibility of the federal government to promote safe and effective methods for the identification and elimination of unnecessary exposures to this carcinogenic substance.

I am hopeful that you will act promptly to approve this critical legislation so that we can begin to provide necessary financial and technical assistance to hard-pressed States and school districts in order to combat the school asbestos problem and protect the health and safety of America's schoolchildren and employees.

Sincerely,



Senator Bill Bradley

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