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March 29, 2023

The Honorable Jeff Merkley
313 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Suzanne Bonamici
439 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: SUPPORT for the Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now Act of 2023

Dear Senator Merkley, and Representative Bonamici,

I write in the name of the Collegium Ramazzini to support the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization's on-going efforts towards passage of the Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now Act of 2023.

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We endorse the call for an immediate ban on all mining and the use of asbestos in all its forms in order to eliminate the continuing burden of disease and death that is caused worldwide by asbestos exposure. Indeed, the Collegium first called for such a ban more than twenty years ago in the [6th Collegium Ramazzini Statement](#) and has reiterated this call over the years, [15 Collegium Ramazzini Statement - Repeat Call](#).

Please consider us as advocates for the urgent passage of this legislation which will save countless lives in our country and globally.

Yours Sincerely,

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