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The Honorable Blake Farenthold
United States House of Representatives
2331 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Farenthold:

On behalf of the more than 2.2 million members of The American Legion we express support for H.R. 906, *Furthering Asbestos Claims Transparency* (FACT) Act. This bill will protect veterans and other asbestos victims by requiring asbestos trust funds to disclose information on their claims. The intent of this legislation is to bring transparency to a system that is vulnerable to abuse all while assisting those who need it most.

Asbestos trust funds must be protected from future fraud claims through further transparency, but not at the cost of invading veterans' private information. Resolution Number 368, *Increase the Transparency of Asbestos*, was adopted during The American Legion's 2016 National Convention. This resolution is a vital step toward helping our nations' men and women who have been negatively impacted by exposure to asbestos. The American Legion urges Congress to act swiftly and pass these common sense protections.

In conclusion, The American Legion applauds your leadership in addressing issues that are important to America's servicemembers, veterans and their families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles E. Schmidt".

CHARLES E. SCHMIDT

National Commander