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OFFICE OF CHEMICAL SAFETY
AND POLLUTION PREVENTION

The Honorable Xavier Becerra
The Honorable David A. Zonana
The Honorable Megan K. Hey
California Office of Attorney General
300 S. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Re: TSCA Section 21 Petition Concerning Asbestos and Section 8(a) Rule

Dear Attorney General Becerra:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is responding to the petition that was filed by you and 13 other State Attorneys General and the Attorney General of the District of Columbia. The petition, filed on January 31, 2019, under section 21 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), asks that EPA initiate a rulemaking proceeding under TSCA section 8(a) for the reporting of the manufacture (including import) and processing of asbestos.

EPA has reviewed the information submitted in your petition. Based on this review and after careful consideration of your specific requests, EPA is denying the petition. The Agency's reasons for denying your petition will be published in a forthcoming edition of the Federal Register. A pre-publication copy of that Federal Register document is enclosed.

Under TSCA section 21, you have the right to appeal the Agency's denial of your petition by commencing a civil action in a U.S. district court to compel the Administrator to initiate a rulemaking proceeding for a section 8(a) reporting rule as requested in the petition within 60 days of the date of this letter. If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact Jeff Morris, Director of the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, at 202-564-6756.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Alexandra Dapolito Dunn".

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