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Ban on Asbestos is Long Overdue

A broad and determined coalition of fire fighters and public health and safety officials are calling on the public's support in their decades-long fight to convince the U.S. Congress to ban deadly asbestos. This carcinogen continues to threaten the health of fire fighters and the public.

The *Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now Act* would prohibit the manufacture, processing, use, and distribution of commercial asbestos in commerce. The legislation is endorsed by [Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization \(ADAO\)](#), [International Association of Fire Fighters \(IAFF\)](#), [American Public Health Association \(APHA\)](#), [Collegium Ramazzini](#), and [The Environmental Information Association \(EIA\)](#).

WHAT: The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO), the International Association of Fire Fighters, and Dr. Raja Flores of Mt. Sinai Health Systems mark 20 years of collaboration in their fight to ban asbestos, unveiling a month-long ad campaign in the heart of Times Square.

WHERE: NASDAQ Times Square Building, NYC

WHEN: February 1 to February 14 (ad runs in Times Square, month-long campaign)

"Cancer is the single greatest threat to America's fire fighters and the leading cause of death among our hometown heroes. Our fire fighters suffer from asbestos-caused cancers and diseases at more than twice the rate of the average American, and therefore, the IAFF is steadfastly supporting the *Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now Act*," said **IAFF General President Edward A. Kelly**

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