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The Honorable John Katko
2457 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Katko:

As General President of the International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers Union, I am very pleased to offer our strong endorsement of the Mary Jo Lawyer-Spano Mesothelioma Patient Registry Act of 2019 (H.R. 1824).

Thank you for your leadership to introduce this significant health care legislation that will greatly improve our understanding of mesothelioma, an asbestos-exposure cancer disease that has afflicted so many of our members and their families.

The creation of a national, voluntary and self-enrolled database within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will provide medical researchers with access to vital information regarding the prevalence of mesothelioma and the occupational and environmental factors that cause this dreaded disease. The mesothelioma patient registry will also collect reports on current treatment outcomes that will improve medical treatment options. With increased awareness, understanding and coordinated medical research, the enactment of your legislation will save lives. Our members thank you.

Profound thanks Congressman Katko for the introduction of the Mary Jo Lawyer-Spano Mesothelioma Patient Registry Act. We offer not only our endorsement of this bipartisan legislation, but we will actively encourage our members to contact their Members of Congress to support this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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