



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE

State Capitol, PO Box 8953, Madison, Wisconsin 53708

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Office of Governor Scott Walker
Room 115 East
State Capitol

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Dear Governor Walker,

We write to you today to urge you to veto Assembly Bill 19. If signed into law, AB 19 will limit the freedom of victims, a disproportionate number of whom are veterans, suffering from diseases related to asbestos exposure to obtain justice in court. According to the Wisconsin Military Order of the Purple Heart, while veterans represent 8% of our nation's population, they make up 30% of all known mesothelioma deaths that have occurred in the U.S. Therefore, this bill is opposed by nearly every veteran organization in Wisconsin, including the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Wisconsin Military Order of the Purple Heart.

Enacting AB 19 will unfairly tip the scales in favor of large corporations who knowingly exposed veterans, and other workers, to harmful asbestos products. We cannot let these corporations skirt their responsibility and get away with harming our brave American heroes who fought to protect our rights and freedoms.

You can help protect our veterans by putting the rights of veterans and other victims ahead of corporate profits. We appreciate your consideration of our request to veto Assembly Bill 19 and encourage you to make the right decision for Wisconsin's proud democratic tradition.

Sincerely,

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