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Hon. Bob Goodlatte
Chairman
U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary
2138 Rayburn House Office Building
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Hon. John Conyers
Ranking Member
U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary
2426 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Goodlatte and Ranking Member Conyers:

I write on behalf of the American Military Society to express our strong support for the Furthering Asbestos Claims Transparency (FACT) Act of 2015, H.R. 526.

Many veterans were exposed to asbestos while serving our country. As a result, many veterans suffer from or will develop life threatening asbestos-related illnesses.

Because many of the companies that manufactured asbestos-containing products used by the military have declared bankruptcy and established personal injury settlement trust funds, veterans are uniquely impacted by improper trust claims. Put simply, every dollar paid to an undeserving claimant is a dollar taken away from a veteran whose illness will manifest in the future.

The FACT Act is modest transparency legislation that would require asbestos personal injury settlement trusts to report their claims to courts. These reports will make it possible to detect fraud and abuse that may go unnoticed today.

We thank you for scheduling a subcommittee hearing on the FACT Act and urge you to support this important legislation. Congress must act to ensure that asbestos trusts' limited funds are protected for future asbestos victims, including veterans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John P. May". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name and title.

John P. May
Executive Director