



# I got cancer from a habit I started at 14. My habit was going to work.

By the time you read this, I may already be dead.

All my life I worked as a mechanic – what I didn't know is that I was breathing asbestos fibers every day. But the asbestos companies knew their product was deadly. That's why I filed suit against them, as have many others dying from asbestos on the job.

Now Congress may pass a law that would bail out these companies by denying me my day in court. Even existing settlements would be wiped off the books. I'd have to stand in line and wait for compensation from a giant new federal bureaucracy, which won't have enough to pay me in the first place.

It could take eight years or more, which is time I don't have. The cancer is eating at my heart and lungs. I don't even have the strength to pick up my own daughter.

This isn't justice. This isn't fair. It's nothing but a bailout for the big asbestos companies like Halliburton and Honeywell. Please, Congress, don't rob my family of financial security in order to save billions for those giant corporations. Don't add insult to injury.

*Chris Stoeckler, 41, his wife  
Wendy and daughter Taylor*

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