

# To the Parliament of Canada:

## BAN CANADIAN ASBESTOS NOW!



Canada is currently exporting deadly asbestos to third world countries, and this needs to stop because it is killing people. We ask Parliamentarians to consider with open minds the bill we wrote calling for a ban on the production, use, and export of asbestos. We hope to be involved in protecting the health of people in Canada and around the world.

Sincerely,

Chloe Staiger Hayley McDermid Claire Hinchliffe

Grade 10 students, Smithers Secondary School, British Columbia

## Please follow the lead of our young people.

When will federal leaders act on the common sense advice of three Grade 10 students – and hundreds of health, environmental and social justice groups around the world – to end the Canadian asbestos trade? We call upon them to please **ACT NOW** and end Canada's asbestos trade.

- All forms of asbestos are known to cause cancer.
- In Canada, asbestos-related disease is the #1 cause of work-related deaths.
- The Canadian and Quebec governments have squandered more than \$50 million in taxpayer dollars on the Chrysotile Institute (formerly the Asbestos Institute) to promote this deadly substance.
- The 400 workers remaining in the industry deserve just and adequate transition to safer jobs.

The Canadian government continues to promote the use of asbestos for houses and schools in the developing world at the same time that it is spending millions removing it from the Parliament Buildings.

To find out how you can help ban the Canadian asbestos trade:

Go to [www.PreventCancerNow.ca](http://www.PreventCancerNow.ca)



Ban Asbestos Canada  
Bannir L'Amiante au Canada



CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF  
UNIVERSITY TEACHERS

