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**Issue is More Important Than Ever**

- In 2016 the New York Court of Appeals decided that companies can be held liable for asbestos they neither manufactured or sold, as long as they knew their products would inevitably be used in conjunction with asbestos.³ The decision exposes a whole new supply of New York manufacturers and retailers to asbestos liability.

**Protects Resources for The Truly Injured**

- The proposed legislation helps protect funds for those who truly deserve them. Fraudulent and duplicative claims steal funds that are intended to compensate the truly injured. The bankruptcy of a tort defendant or the total depletion of a trust fund compromises future victims’ ability to recover compensation.

**Does Not Diminish a Victim’s Legal Rights**

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³Matter of New York City Asbestos Litigation (Dummitt v A.W. Chesterton, et al.)