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May 14, 1984

Mr. Paul E. Healy
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Dear Mr. Healy:

Thank you for sending me the Council's resolutions regarding the problem of asbestos removal from public schools, and the question of federal legislation concerning cable television.

As you may know, H.R.11, which reauthorizes various elementary and secondary education programs, contains a simple extension of the Asbestos School Hazard Detection and Control Act. This bill was reported out by the Education and Labor Committee on May 2.

While the bill was being marked up, I sent a letter to Education and Labor Committee Chairman Carl Perkins urging that an amendment be adopted that would provide federal grants for the containment and removal of asbestos in public schools. Unfortunately, this did not occur.

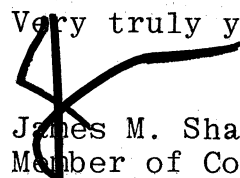
However, you may be assured that I will continue to do whatever I can to see that funding is provided for the removal of asbestos from our elementary and secondary schools. This is too serious a health problem to delay action any longer.

On the separate matter of cable legislation, it is my understanding that negotiations are continuing between representatives of municipal franchising authorities and the cable industry in an effort to reach a compromise on national cable policy. Hopefully, a bill will emerge out of the Energy and Commerce Committee that treats all parties--the cities, the cable companies, and the consumers--equitably.

I am following the negotiations closely; establishing a national policy for cable would lend order to a system now in chaos. However, it will only be a positive step if the legislation sets reasonable guidelines for awarding and renewing franchises, while safeguarding the rights of the consumer.

Again, thank you for keeping me informed of the Council's actions and views. If I can be of further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me again.

Very truly yours,


James M. Shannon
Member of Congress

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Comm. from Rep. James N. Shannon, in acknowledgement & appreciation of resolutions adopted by the City Council Re: asbestos removal from public schools and federal legislation on cable television.

In City Council,

June 4, 1984

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