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Mr. Paul E. Healy
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Dear Mr. Healy:

I recently received copies of the resolutions you sent me regarding S. 2337 and H.R. 4013.

As you know, S. 2237 would amend the 1980 Asbestos School Hazard Detection and Control Act to require federal financial assistance for an emergency program of removal of asbestos from schools. The bill is currently pending action before the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

Recognizing our moral obligation to protect our nation's children from exposure to this toxin, I am a cosponsor of this legislation. I am grateful for Senator Sasser's efforts to remedy the laxity with which the original Act has been enforced, and intend to press hard for passage of this legislation when it comes before the full Senate for a vote. We must see to it that our children, teachers and school employees are not made to bear the burden of poorly executed safety and health regulations, particularly if simple financial support can contribute to its prevention.

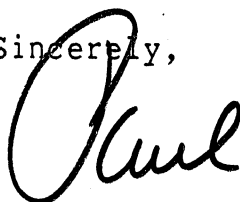
I would now like to address the issue of S. 66 the Cable Telecommunications Act of 1983. I was pleased to vote for final passage of S. 66 because I felt it represented a reasonable compromise between cities and cable companies. As you know, this legislation was the result of comprehensive negotiations between the National League of Cities (NLC) and the National Cable Television Association (NCTA). However, numerous groups expressed serious reservations about the final wording of the bill. Subsequently, several amendments were introduced to change specific provisions of the bill.

The House of Representatives must now pass similar legislation to S. 66. The House Energy and Commerce Committee approved H.R. 4103, its own version of the cable deregulatory legislation, and will most likely report a final bill this fall.

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Thank you once again for contacting me. I appreciate your views on these important issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul", written in black ink.

PAUL E. TSONGAS
United States Senator

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Comm. from Senator Paul Tsongas in acknowledgement & appreciation of resolutions adopted by the Council Re: asbestos removal from schools & the Cable Telecommunications Act of 1983.

In City Council,

August 15, 1984

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