

*Seven decades ago, General Motors tried to  
“eliminate the jury” in asbestos cases.  
They are trying again today.*



That's Dr. C. D. Selby of General Motors, seated on the left in Johns-Manville's Board Room, at an early meeting of the Industrial Hygiene Foundation. After General Motors met with Johns-Manville and other members of the asbestos industry to form this industrial action group on asbestos disease in 1935, Manville's general counsel Vandiver Brown, standing back row center, wrote that their plan was to “eliminate the jury” in asbestos cases. General Electric, Viacom's Westinghouse Unit, and Dow's Union Carbide Unit also participated.

## **In 1935, General Motors knew asbestos was poisoning brake workers.**

Another corporate giant pursuing S.1125, Honeywell International, also knew asbestos was killing people. A 1966 document from Honeywell's Bendix unit states the company's attitude towards its workers: “if you have enjoyed a good life while working with asbestos products why not die from it. There's got to be some cause.”

These companies are still trying to “eliminate the jury”. S.1125 is nothing more than corporate America's attempt to eliminate the right to trial by jury for all claimants—the victims of lung cancer and mesothelioma as well as those who have been exposed but are not yet sick.

S.1125 should be seen for what it is: nothing but a rank, outrageous corporate bailout. Its purpose is to deprive even the victims of lung cancer and mesothelioma, or their widows their day in court.

Christopher Stoeckler is dying from an asbestos cancer called mesothelioma at age 41. He breathed asbestos dust from Bendix brakes. Albert Douglas, Jr. died at age 26 from mesothelioma. He breathed the deadly dust from his father's work-clothes as a baby after dad came home asbestos-laden from a long day at the GM plant. They want their day in court against these companies.

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DON'T NEED A BAILOUT FROM CONGRESS, AND  
THEY DON'T WANT MEANINGFUL, FAIR ASBESTOS REFORM.**

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