

1 (13) the Environmental Working Group esti-
2 mates that as many as 10,000 citizens of the United
3 States die each year from mesothelioma and other
4 asbestos-related diseases;

5 (14)(A) mesothelioma responds poorly to con-
6 ventional chemotherapy; and

7 (B) although new combination treatments for
8 mesothelioma have demonstrated some benefits—

9 (i) the median survival period for mesothe-
10 lioma is only 1 year after diagnosis of the dis-
11 ease; and

12 (ii) the majority of mesothelioma patients
13 die within 2 years of diagnosis of the disease;

14 (15) in hearings before Congress in the early
15 1970s, the example of asbestos was used to justify
16 the need for comprehensive legislation on toxic sub-
17 stances;

18 (16) in 1976, Congress passed the Toxic Sub-
19 stances Control Act (15 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.);

20 (17) in 1989, the Administrator of the Environ-
21 mental Protection Agency promulgated final regula-
22 tions under title II of the Toxic Substances Control
23 Act (15 U.S.C. 2641 et seq.) to phase out asbestos
24 in consumer products by 1997;