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**STATEMENT FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF PERSONAL INJURY LAWYERS (APIL)
IN RESPONSE TO A GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION PAPER ON PLEURAL
PLAQUES, ANNOUNCED TODAY**

The House of Lords ruling last year was a devastating blow for pleural plaques victims, and we were deeply disappointed the Lords refused to recognise the trauma and suffering caused by the condition.

The fact the Government is now consulting on this issue is testament to its importance, as the genuine trauma felt by those diagnosed with pleural plaques cannot be ignored.

“While the Lords’ decision was a financial victory for the insurance industry, it was at the expense of all those victims who had faith in our justice system,” said Denise Kitchener, APIL’s chief executive. “We welcome the Government’s move to consult on this issue.”

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