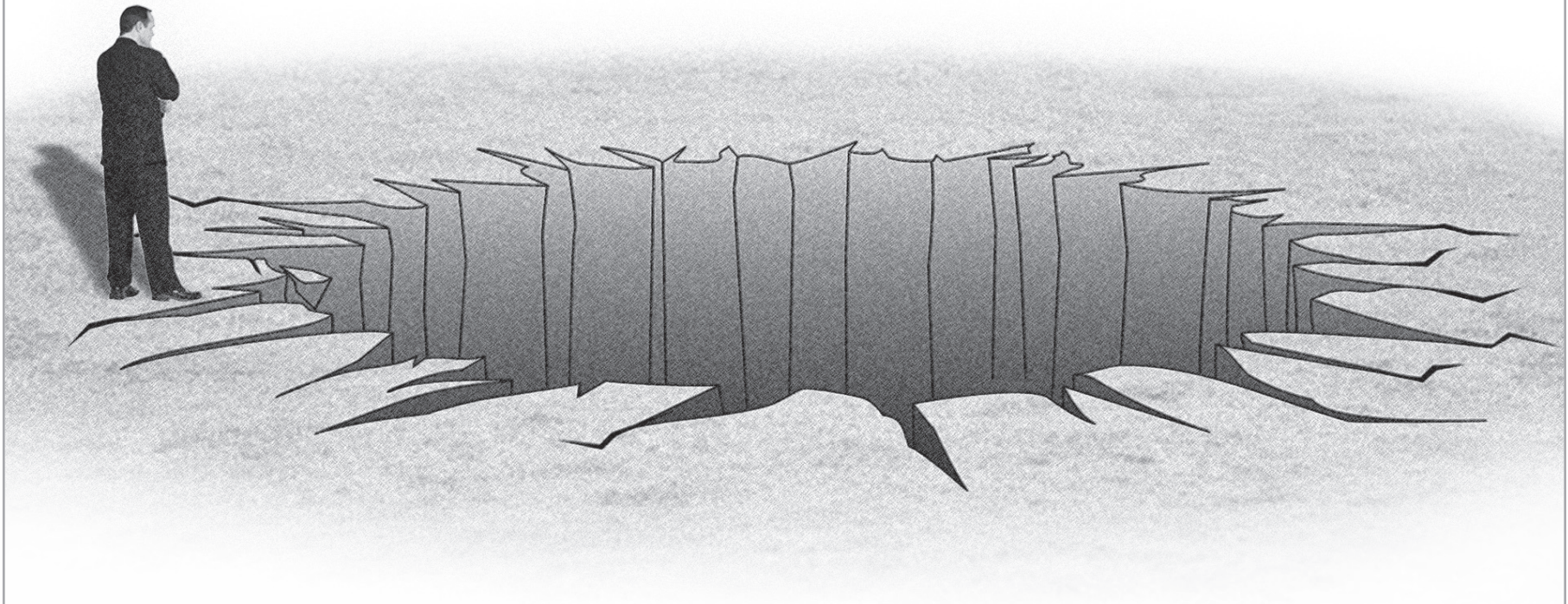


The Asbestos Trust Fund: Another Big Government Black Hole



A GIFT TO ASBESTOS LAWYERS...

Aggressive trial lawyers continue to cash in on asbestos lawsuits, bankrupting American businesses and siphoning off hundreds of millions of dollars better used to compensate victims of asbestos-related illness.

Unfortunately, Senator Arlen Specter is pushing legislation that would make matters worse by creating a new \$140 billion government trust fund that pays out asbestos claims and guarantees a payoff of nearly \$14 billion to asbestos attorneys. Haven't they taken enough already?

A NEW UNSUSPECTING VICTIM IS CREATED BY THE SPECTER TRUST FUND – AMERICAN BUSINESS...

The Specter trust fund would impose a staggering new \$140 billion tax on as yet unidentified businesses while stripping them of their insurance coverage. This massive tax hike would inevitably force many unsuspecting small and medium-sized companies into bankruptcy, leaving taxpayers holding the bag. And the uncertainty of required payments under the trust fund would make access to capital markets nearly impossible for countless businesses.

THERE IS A BETTER WAY...

Instead of creating an ill-conceived trust fund, Congress should follow the lead of states like Ohio that have already enacted practical asbestos relief legislation based on strict medical criteria, ensuring real victims prompt and just compensation.

Real reform should provide some light at the end of the tunnel, not just another government black hole.

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