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THE LOCATION HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED

(Eugene, Oregon)—A symposium regarding glass safety in America's schools has been planned for Thursday, September 14, 2006, on Capitol Hill, announced Greg Abel, founder of "Advocates for Safe Glass." Abel founded the not-for-profit organization in 2001 after his son Jarred's arm accidentally went through a wired glass panel at the gym of the University of Oregon in 2001. Jarred sustained permanent damage to his hand and upper arm in the incident.

Co-sponsored by United States Senator Gordon Smith (R-OR), Congresswoman Barbara Lee (D-CA) and Congressman Peter DeFazio (D-OR), and held in conjunction with Americas Glass Association (formerly the California Glass Association) and Fire & Safety Glazing Council, the symposium will address the topic of wired glass in America's schools.

Speakers for the event include: State Senator Vicki Walker (D-Oregon), a long-time supporter of Abel's organization; Kenneth Lumb, attorney with the Chicago law firm Corboy and Demetrio, P.C.; Dale C. Santee of The Architectural Studio in Allentown, Pennsylvania; Ellen Schmidt, MS OTR, a public health expert and Children's Safety Network National Outreach Coordinator; Teresa Drijber, FCIP, Claims Manager, Ontario School Board's Insurance Exchange; Leonard Brunette, President of Vetrotech Saint-Gobain; and Abel.

Expected attendees include members of the American Institute of Architects, the National Association of Elementary School Principals, the National School Boards Association, the American Architectural Foundation, Risk Managers, Insurers and School Administrators.

