



March 18, 2010

TO: Members of the Energy and Technology Committee

RE: **March 18 Committee Meeting Agenda - Bills Affecting Towns and Cities**

As you are aware, there are bills before the Energy and Technology Committee that would have an affect on towns and cities. The following bill is on the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda of the Energy and Technology Committee:

**CCM urges the committee to amend the following bill:**

**Agenda Item #3  
SB 419**

**Utility Road Cuts**

Would, (1) require public service companies to provide notice to municipal public works departments when they make road cuts and repairs on local roads, and (2) require those public services companies to give municipalities an opportunity to inspect a photograph of the repairs.

CCM supports this bill as an improvement to the current system. However we have concerns that the language may be too vague regarding the time frame for which such notice must be given to municipalities on the part of the public service companies and whether only requiring public service companies to give municipalities the opportunity to inspect the repairs via a photograph and not a physical inspection of the site is sufficient.

CCM urges the committee to amend the language of the bill to (1) require public service departments to provide ample notice to municipal public works departments regarding road cuts and repairs, and (2) clarify that upon review of the photograph the municipality can determine that a physical inspection is warranted.

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