



Connecticut Chapter

Testimony by Chris Syrek, Vice President of  
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**HB 5288 An Act Concerning Chemical Road Treatments**

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Good morning, my name is Chris Syrek, I am the Vice President of Associated Builders and Contractors of Connecticut (CT ABC). CT ABC is a statewide trade association of almost 200 members that represents merit shop contractors.

CT ABC would like to voice our support for HB 5288, An Act Concerning Chemical Road Treatments.

A number of our members have voiced concerns regarding the negative effects that the chemicals used to treat the roads during winter storms have on their equipment and vehicles. Many construction companies rely on fleets of vehicles or the transport of heavy equipment from jobsite to jobsite in order to complete their work. If the chemicals used to treat the roads are causing premature rust or corrosion to the body of these vehicles, it will drastically increase the cost of doing business for these contractors. We support the commission of an analysis to study this issue, and thank you for your time and consideration.