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Testifying in support of HB 5288 AAC Chemical Road Treatments

Good morning Senator Maynard, Representative Guerrero, and members of the Transportation Committee. My name is Eric Gjede and I am assistant counsel at the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA) which represents more than 10,000 large and small companies throughout the state of Connecticut.

CBIA supports HB 5288.

A safe, efficient transportation system is critical to businesses in Connecticut. In addition to maintaining the roads, highways and bridges we currently have, there is a need to expand these resources to accommodate current traffic levels. Unfortunately, our state and federal transportation dollars are limited, which diminishes our ability to address all the necessary projects and improvements. It is critical that we do our best to protect our current transportation resources.

HB 5288 conducts a study to determine whether the chemicals we are using to treat our roads are having a corrosive effect on our infrastructure. The study does not make any presuppositions – but if it is determined the chemicals are causing corrosion, we can address the issue before we cause greater harm to our transportation system.

We urge the committee to support HB 5288.