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Testimony In Favor of
HB 5288, AAC Chemical Road Treatments
with a Suggested Amendment

I am Martin Mador, 130 Highland Ave., Hamden, CT 06518. I am the volunteer Legislative Chair for the Connecticut Chapter of the Sierra Club. I hold a Masters of Environmental Management degree from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.

The Sierra Club thanks the Committee for recognizing that chemical road treatments can have pernicious consequences, and thus ordering a DOT study of the effects and possible alternatives. This bill specifically calls for investigating the consequences on vehicles, roads and infrastructure, and the environment. Recognition that the environment can be seriously impacted by these chemicals is important. For example, the consequences for wildlife, vegetation and especially water quality need to be considered.

We strongly advise that the words " in collaboration with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection" be added to the bill after "The Commissioner of Transportation".