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Attachments: 2003 Ford F250 Rust Damage 001.JPG; 2003 Ford F250 Rust Damage 002.JPG

Senator McLachlan and other Concerned Officials,

I was very glad to hear that the State is seriously looking into this issue, I have for sometime felt that the "new" road treatments have been causing untold damage to residents vehicles. I would like very much to go on the record against the chemicals currently in use.

As a lifelong (58 years) Connecticut resident I have never seen such rapid deterioration of body parts and vehicle sub-systems. I have owned many different vehicles since I first got my drivers license in 1973.

I have always prided myself in caring for these cars and trucks as they are such a significant investment. I can honestly state that I have personally driven every vehicle I have owned for at least 80,000 miles and most of them well in excess of 100,000 miles each.

Also I tend to perform most of my own service and minor repairs such as oil and brake changes. Having done so for so long I can honestly state that in the last several years I have noticed a huge increase in rust and corrosion that I have seen on my own vehicles.

Never...I state NEVER has any of my vehicles shown the rust and corrosion damage that my current vehicle has developed. While it is a 2003 model year Ford F250 the rust that has developed in the last 2 years is mind boggling. This vehicle has spent most of it's life garaged and well maintained. But recently the body rust has developed to the point I am going to have to replace the entire bed on the truck, and the cab is also showing severe rust thru on the door and the rocker panels.

I have heard several reasons for using these new treatments on the roads, and yes I can see that they are more effective at melting snow and ice. But I find it hard to believe that the overall cost is cheaper than a sand and salt mix that was used for years and years. Yes there is cost savings for the DOT by not having to sweep the roads as they did in years past. But WHAT are the savings to the residents if every vehicle is suffering such damage from these chemicals. The replacement and maintenance costs have to be a staggering number. I for one cannot afford to replace a vehicle every several years, and I am sure that I am not alone in that regard.

I have attached 2 pictures of my rear fender, and I swear to you that the body needs immediate replacement before it becomes a hazard to other drivers as it will start falling apart very soon.

I do not know the easy answer to this question, but I know that this current fix to the icing issue is placing a very undue expense on the shoulders of all Connecticut's residents.

Thank you for your time in this matter.

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