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Sent: Monday, February 24, 2014 10:14 AM
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Cc: Sen. Witkos, Kevin; zRepresentative Bill Simanski
Subject: Bill 5288 "An act concerning the study of chemical road treatments" - Public Hearing

Sir:

I support this measure if it is in fact necessary. Based upon the experiences alone of the STATE DOT that has experienced extremely high corrosion issues in their fleet from the present chemical treatment, it would appear there is all ready enough data compiled. This information alone should make it sufficiently clear to support putting anti-corrosives into the chemical road treatments. I believe this only delays the implementation and wastes taxpayer dollars in a "study" that is truly needless.

I have personally experienced the high corrosion rates that caused damage to both cosmetic and safety systems in my personal vehicles. I am certain that numerous others have also and resent having to continue waiting for a change as the vehicles quickly rust away while this stuff continues to be used.

If there is a study, perhaps the focus should also included long term damage to the environment. Clearly it is corrosive, and it is making its way into our ecosystems.

As a driver, I find this chemical treatment more hazardous than its predecessor. It tends to form a slurry time composition which is less tractable than even an untreated road.

Thank you,

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