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Subject: Public Hearing

I just read in the Journal Inquirer that there will be a legislative hearing tomorrow, February 19, to consider a bill requiring the names of individuals or entities that pour concrete foundations of new buildings be provided to local building officials. It also said that after the hearing the committee could expand the bill to consider "assistance options" to homeowners. Is it typical that the public would get less than one day of notice for a public hearing? Was this notice in the Hartford Courant? I have not seen it if it was. This doesn't seem right.

I live in your district. I have a concrete problem in my home. Although my claim was denied by my insurance company, Amica, they have investigated the claim and have taken core samples of the concrete and sent it for testing. The builder of my house is no longer in business making it impossible to determine where the concrete came from. I am living a nightmare. I am scared to death that my life savings will be spent on a problem totally outside of my control. I don't know what to do other than hope that someone, somewhere will help. I am certain that I am not the only Coventry resident living this nightmare.

It appears to me that the representatives on this panel serve towns where there are significant concrete foundation problems. Why haven't you or others been more obviously proactive in determining the extent of the problems in your town? Why haven't we seen a glossy card in the mail asking people with this problem to contact you? We are scared and embarrassed about this even if it is not our fault. I went to town hall and it was suggested that it would be smart to wait and see what happens. What would you do in my situation or do you have the problem also? I have read the suggestion that People contact the Department of Consumer Protection and file a complaint. How do you complain about a person or company when you're not sure who it is? Also, it did not appear that I could write about the problem in letter form and have it accepted. It was not user friendly at all.

I am unable to attend the hearing tomorrow. I don't know how many will be able to attend. Please be sure that this is not an insignificant problem for many people. Any help and guidance that you can give me will be appreciated. As you may have noticed, I am sending this to Senator Guglielmo by copy. Thank you.