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The Honorable Marvin L. Abney  
Chair, House Finance Committee  
State House  
Providence, RI 02903

**RE: 2024 H 7677 - RELATING TO HIGHWAYS – MAINTENANCE OF TOWN HIGHWAYS**

Dear Chairperson Abney:

The Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) has performed a preliminary study of projected costs associated with RIDOT assuming the maintenance and repair of all sidewalks along state roads and highways.

The preliminary projection is approximately \$8M annually. This figure would have to be reviewed annually to evaluate labor and materials cost. Without a revenue stream or additional FTEs included in this bill the passage would result in a hardship for RIDOT and take away from other projects which are in the RI Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan.

RIDOT is available to provide any answers or information the Committee may have. Thank you for the opportunity to share our concerns.

Sincerely,

Peter Alviti, Jr., P.E.  
Director, Rhode Island Department of Transportation

cc: The Honorable Members of the House Finance Committee  
The Honorable Mary Ann Shallcross Smith  
Nicole McCarty, Esq., Chief Legal Counsel to Speaker of the House