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Harold Johnson, Chairman

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Governor Phil Scott
109 State St, Pavilion
Montpelier, VT 05609

RE: Vermont State Route 11

Dear Governor Scott,

We are writing you this letter on behalf of the citizens and taxpayers of the Town of Andover, Vermont as well as those of our surrounding towns and villages.

The condition of Vermont State Route 11 between the towns of Londonderry and Chester, Vermont is in the worst condition of any State road we have travelled throughout Vermont. The surface of the road and roadbed itself is unsafe and barely passable in many places. VTrans has been filling potholes in various places, but they have not corrected major roadbed deficiencies and the pothole repairs are temporary - only lasting until the next snow, ice or rain storm.

Vermont State Route 11 is one of only a few east to west routes that cross the state from New York to New Hampshire. It is a major route for tourists as well as the commercial truck traffic that supports our local economy and supplies our Retail industry. In addition, Vermont State Route 11 is a primary route for petroleum tank trucks that transport petroleum products from the port in Albany, New York to a large portion of Vermont and New Hampshire. Needless to say, this is a major safety hazard.

Two years ago, a gasoline tanker tipped over on Route 11 in Chester, spilling 2,500 gallons of gasoline. Fortunately, the gasoline did not ignite, however, there was significant property damage and the soil pollution is still being remediated today.

Three years ago, we were informed by VTrans that Route 11 was to be repaved. That did not happen. Two years ago, we were again informed that Route 11 would be paved. It did not happen. A year ago, we were informed that Route 11 would be paved, it did not happen. This year, VTrans has informed us that the paving of Route 11 is now scheduled for three years from now! As any reasonable person would agree, this is not acceptable. We have been repeatedly misled into believing the problem would be

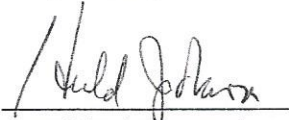
corrected and patiently waited for the State of Vermont to deliver on its promise, which it never has.

Our local Transportation Advisory Committee agrees that the road needs to be paved now, however the decision not to pave, was not made by them.

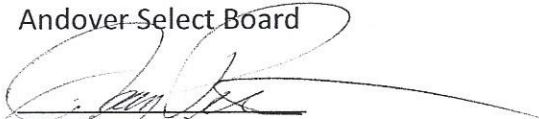
We are told that the Department of Transportation has adopted a program of keeping roads that are in good condition a top priority for repaving, while letting deteriorating roads continue to do so with little or no maintenance. A clear example of this is last year's repaving of Vermont Route 7 in Rutland, which was in very good condition, while again ignoring roads such as Vermont Route 11, which is in need of major repair.

We would appreciate your efforts in assisting all who travel Route 11 to have the much-needed/necessary work done this year to restore Route 11 to being a safe highway.

Respectfully,



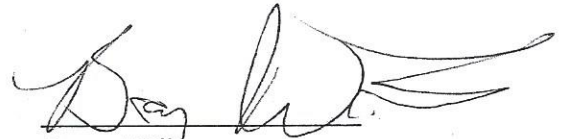
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