



## MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

### *Adirondack Road Salt Reduction*

**A. 8767 – Jones**

**S. 6824 – Little**

An ACT to establish the Adirondack road salt reduction task force, pilot plan and test program

#### **JUSTIFICATION**

Ensuring that roads in the Adirondacks are properly maintained during the winter months is critical to keeping the public safe and allowing businesses and commerce to remain in continued operation. Unfortunately, current state road management policies have led to over-application of salt, which is damaging surrounding ecosystems, harming aquatic life, polluting fresh water, and destroying drinking water sources for homeowners. It is critical that the Adirondacks establish road management practices that protect the traveling public while also protecting clean water and healthy communities.

This legislation would establish a Salt Reduction Task Force, which includes representatives from the Department of Environmental Conservation, Department of Transportation, Department of Health, and Adirondack Park Agency. The Task Force would compile data and develop recommendations for best management practices by 2021. There would then be a multi-year pilot study between October 15 and June 30 for the years of 2021 through 2024, to test best management practices, updated levels of service, and overall road salt reduction targets.

Enacting this legislation would help provide best management practices to ensure winter road safety and protection of water quality throughout the Adirondacks. Furthermore, lessons learned from this program could potentially be replicated to protect public safety and water quality across New York State.

### **CITIZENS CAMPAIGN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT SUPPORTS A.8767/S.6824 – ADIRONDACK ROAD SALT REDUCTION**

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