



The State of New Hampshire
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner

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The Honorable Jim Rausch, Chair
Science, Technology and Energy Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 304
Concord, NH 03301

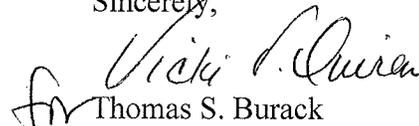
RE: HB 1209, An Act relative to OBD II testing and the OBD II testing advisory committee.

Dear Chair Rausch and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 1209. This bill proposes to revise the membership of the on board diagnostics (OBD) advisory committee, established by RSA 266:59-b, by reducing the number of Senate members from three to two and removing the NH Motor Transport Association from the committee. The bill deletes an outdated reporting requirement, establishes the requirement for the committee to meet at least annually, and reduces the annual reporting requirement to a biennial requirement. The bill also clarifies that natural gas, propane, and other alternative fuel vehicles equipped with OBD systems are subject to the testing requirement. The Department of Environmental Services is a member of the OBD advisory committee and supports this bill.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Rebecca Ohler, Transportation and Energy Programs Manager (rebecca.ohler@des.nh.gov, 271-6749) or Craig Wright, Air Division Director (craig.wright@des.nh.gov, 271-1088).

Sincerely,


Thomas S. Burack
Commissioner

CC: Sponsors of HB 1209
Richard Bailey, Director, Division of Motor Vehicles