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To the Honorable members of the Massachusetts State Legislature;

I write you today asking for your help in supporting House Bill number 37, a supplemental funding package which includes \$25 Million dollars to pay certain expenses at the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

As a snow plow contractor providing services to the state for more than 24 years, and as the president of the Massachusetts Snow and Ice Contractors Association, Inc., I ask for your help today and implore you to take an active roll in seeking quick passage of this funding request.

With winter a bit more than half over and near record snow falls in the past 2 months, snow and ice contractors are forced to borrow monies for repairs, fuel, payroll, and other necessary costs to keep their fleet running.

While these mom and pop snow removal contractors make up nearly 95 percent of the snow fighting force on state roads, every one of them are Massachusetts small businesses, and they need to be paid promptly. With nearly 3,500 privately owned pieces of equipment on state roads in any given storm, the current lack of funding is affecting nearly 3,500 drivers, which equates to nearly 3,500 families who are now struggling due to the Mass DOT snow and ice budget being underfunded year after year.

We ask that you contact House Ways and Means today and ask for swift movement on this supplemental funding package.

Sincerely,

Matthew A. Frazier, President