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December 3, 2025

Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission &
Missouri Department of Transportation
Jefferson City, Missouri

To the Members of the Commission and the Leadership of MoDOT:

We the undersigned are writing to express the concern of Missourians across our state regarding the continued lack of adequate snow removal during major winter weather events. For the second year in a row communities throughout Missouri experienced significant delays in clearing primary and secondary roads despite clear forecasts that the storm would begin overnight.

Residents in every region knew that inclement weather was expected in the early hours of the morning. Yet when conditions deteriorated many saw no visible plows, no pretreatment, and no early effort to keep roads passable. Yesterday I noted publicly that I had not seen a single snowplow and saw no evidence of prior work. That experience was shared widely across Missouri and reflected the reality that essential operations were not underway when they were most needed.

Missourians pay substantial taxes to ensure that critical services like winter road maintenance are carried out responsibly and consistently. The lack of preparation and response during this storm fell short of that expectation and placed many residents in difficult and unsafe situations.

Our constituents deserve answers and assurance that this pattern will be corrected. We are requesting a written explanation of MoDOT's preparation and operational decisions for this event as well as a plan detailing how future storms will be handled to prevent similar issues. Please also include a timeline for implementing the necessary corrective measures.

The people of Missouri deserve reliable winter road management. We look forward to your timely response and to seeing improvements that restore confidence in this essential service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Brattin".

Senator Rick Brattin
Senate District 31



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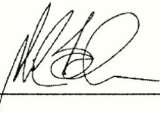
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