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RE: S197, An Act Relating to Liability for Toxic Substance Exposures or Release  
My name is George B Potter. I am the Chief Operating Officer for G W Tatro Construction, located in Jeffersonville Vermont. We honor our traditions while we look to the future. We demonstrate integrity in everything we do. We support the communities we live and work in. We do what we say we are going to do. We have been in business for over sixty years with our roots in the ski industry and now are quite diversified doing site /civil work, wind turbine installation, dam removal and many other projects.

Thank You for the opportunity to be before you today to present our concerns for S 197 , an act relating to liability for toxic substance exposure or releases. We at G W Tatro feel that everyone needs to be compliant to all existing laws and regulations as it relates to protecting the good people of Vermont, our Environment and the land we cherish so very much. We have some concerns related to the Act before us S 197.

Asking honest, responsible companies who follow the law and guidelines to accept liability for the unforeseen. The cost of insurance is already increasing on an annual basis. The pressure for increased liability insurance will have a negative impact on our business, compounding the increased risks and costs of doing business in Vermont as compared to other states.

There is no other state that I am aware of that has adopted such expansive liability legislation. The bill would create potentially significant risks and disincentives for future investment and business operations in Vermont as compared to other states.