

My name is Randy Brown and I live in Middlesex.

I write because this fall I reached out to Rep. Ela Chapin and Senator Anne Watson about some concerns that I have with the current state vehicle inspection rules.

I forwarded these concerns to Senator Andrew Perchlik as well.

My main concern is about how strict the rules are for minor rust that is not related to safety.

I am the physics and computer science teacher at U-32 High School just outside of Montpelier, and I also own a small stone masonry business.

My wife and I currently own a total of five vehicles because we still support our college aged children.

Four of our five vehicles are over 10 years old. While they are all well maintained and have absolutely no safety issues, two of them will not currently pass Vermont inspection, not because of safety issues, but because of small amounts of rust. We have had several mechanics look at them and they all say that the only reason that they cannot be inspected is because of Vermont's current strict inspection rules.

My other concern is that the inspections are not really enforced now.

So while Vermont has extremely strict rules for inspection, when you walk around grocery store parking lots you see a lot of vehicles that have expired inspections.

Why have such strict rules and no enforcement. I would rather see less stringent rules, but much more enforcement if the rules focus primarily on safety.

I am curious whether S.211 in its current form addresses this at all?

Unfortunately, I will be traveling next week outside of Vermont so I will not be able to personally attend the public hearing.

I will, however, try to log in to listen.

I remain hopeful that some minor tweaks to the current rules might

Best,

Randy Brown