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Department of Public Health
and Family Medicine

The Honorable Susan Fargo
Committee on Public Health, Senate chair
State House Room 504
Boston, MA 02133

The Honorable Peter Koutoujian
Committee on Public Health, House chair
State House, Room 130
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Committee chairs Fargo and Koutoujian:

I respectfully submit the enclosed review of the epidemiologic evidence of cardiac and pulmonary health risks associated with near-highway pollutants in motor vehicle exhaust. This review was co-authored by Doug Brugge, Associate Professor in the Department of Public Health and Family Medicine, John L. Durant, Associate Professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, and myself, a Doctoral Candidate and Instructor in the Department of Public Health and Family Medicine, all of Tufts University. This review, along with my testimony (also enclosed), is submitted in support of proposed H. 2227, an *Act Relative to Reporting on Health Effects of Particulate Matter*.

Sincerely,

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