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Good afternoon,

Thank you for taking the time to meet on Tuesday, either in person or over the phone, to talk all things salt liability and use reduction. I'm looking forward to working with each of you this session.

I'll be sending periodic emails updates to the group on all relevant developments. I know we each have a lot on our plates this session, so I'll do my best to be concise and not inundate your inboxes with constant emails. A few updates below.

Updates

Barb Thoman of StopOverSalting sat down with Sen. Carrie Ruud, Senate bill author from last session.

Reportedly, she is drafting language with help from Senate Research, and has received some input from the Minnesota Association for Justice. Further, she's hoping to use her same co-authors from last year, and will ask each for their support again this session. Sen. Ruud anticipates having the draft language done, and will solicit comments from this group. She's taking an aggressive timeline on the introduction of the bill, aiming for the second week of session.

I spoke with her legislative assistant, Jonathan Cotter, yesterday, and he passed along the possibility of having concerned stakeholders sit down to discuss concerns with the bill and find a workable proposal. I'm hoping to sit down with her the week after New Years to check in – to be scheduled soon.

Jenna Grove of Clean Water Action and I sat down with Frank Hornstein following the meeting on Tuesday and had a good conversation about the path in the House. While he won't be on Rep. Hansen's committee (his Transportation committee is at the same time), he wants to be on the bill again this year, and mentioned Rep. Peter Fischer as a possible author.

The salt issue is getting press. Latest below.

Sen. Ruud passed along this article: <https://www.brainerddispatch.com/news/traffic-and-construction/4398371-permanent-pollutant-salt-melt-ice-streets-posing-growing-risk>

Chloride's impact on private wells in New York: <https://pubs.acs.org/doi/10.1021/acs.est.8b04709>