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Esteemed Common Council--

It has come to my attention that the pavement council has contacted you regarding their opposition to the ban on coal based and high PAH laden seal coats being considered at the Common Council tomorrow. These sealants are a major source of contaminants to our rivers, lakes, and stormwater ponds. This pollution is expensive to cleanup, toxic to fish and water quality, and unnecessary given that cost-effective and more environmentally friendly alternatives exist. These seal coats are also damaging to the health of citizens that live adjacent to properties treated by them and are bad for public health. PAHs are carcinogenic and are disposed of as hazardous waste at high concentrations.

I was surprised that the lobby group insinuated that USGS is an activist or advocacy focused agency. I've found them to be quite the opposite, and among the finest scientists in the country. They are very diligent and averse to making any policy statements and their science is vetted over many years. I've worked with Steve Corsi personally, and their work on PAH contamination in the Milwaukee River Basin is probably the most comprehensive water study in the nation on this topic. Where these sealants have been banned, water quality and public health has improved.

I understand opposition from the lobby group for their product. I hope they resign themselves to finding safer and cleaner alternatives. We have banned many products to protect our waters and communities (e.g., PCBs, DDT, CFCs, etc.), and your responsibility is to do what's best for our City and our community. Supporting this ban of coal-tar based sealants is the right thing to do. It will also save the city expense from having to specially dispose of contaminated sediments from

stormwater ponds and other BMPs in the future. I was just at a meeting tonight about the high cost of dredging golf course ponds due to disposal concerns.

Please vote to ban these coal-based sealants (and other high PAH based "alternatives").

Thank you for your consideration!

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