



March 20, 2017

To: Dr. Doug Bing, MLA Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows
Mr. Marc Dalton, MLA Maple Ridge-Mission

Re: **Motor Vehicle Act amendments**

Dr. Bing, Mr. Dalton,

ICBC statistics show an overall reduction in traffic deaths and injuries on British Columbia roads in the period between 2005 and 2014, which indicates that progress was made in British Columbia in the area of road safety.

However, although fewer vehicle occupants died or were injured on our roads than before, road safety outcomes for vulnerable road users have worsened as a percentage of motor vehicle related accidents.

The goal of [Moving to Vision Zero](#), the 2016 update to British Columbia's Road Safety Strategy, is for our province to have the safest roads in North America by 2020. The comprehensive *Safe Systems Approach* looks at how we can improve all the factors that play a role in improving road safety, such as safe road users, safe vehicles, road design, safe speeds and land use planning, in order to achieve the ultimate goal of zero deaths and zero injuries on our roads.

The BC Motor Vehicle Act governs the use of our roads and as such also plays an important part in making our roads safer for all users. The Road Safety Law Reform Group, of which HUB Cycling is a member, has made recommendations to the Provincial Government for changes to make the Motor Vehicle Act - to be renamed the *Road Safety Act* - friendlier, fairer and less ambiguous to cyclists. The recommendations have been shared with the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles and the Ministries of Justice and Transportation and Infrastructure.

The full position paper can be found [here](#). In this [information sheet](#) two important changes are highlighted, namely the Safe Passing Law and the Safe Neighbourhood Speeds Law.

The Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Committee of HUB Cycling kindly requests you to support the proposed changes to the Motor Vehicle Act.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss any concerns regarding the proposed changes, we would be happy to meet with you.

With kind regards,

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