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The Honourable Selena Robinson
Minister of Finance
Province of British Columbia
By email: FIN.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Robinson:

We write to congratulate you on your recent reelection, and your appointment to the position of Minister of Finance.

HUB Cycling is a charitable not for profit organization that has spent over 22 years removing barriers to cycling in Metro Vancouver, while cultivating the health, environment, and economic benefits that active transportation can bring. HUB Cycling's mission is to get more people cycling more often.

We have a Regional Advisory Committee, composed of board members at HUB Cycling, and we work in a coordinating role with 10 HUB Cycling Local Committees in Metro Vancouver, and on regional cycling issues, often with representatives of different ministries.

We understand that the Province is in an exceedingly challenging time, and that your primary mandate is to invest in the Province's economic recovery. We also note that your mandate includes launching a recovery investment fund that includes roads and transit, and helping more people make the switch to active transportation by removing the PST on e-assist bikes.

We very strongly support this tax change. Not only does it support the CleanBC goal of doubling trips taken by walking, biking and other kinds of active networks by 2030, but in addition cycling as a means of transportation is very cost-effective given its benefits to the community.

We also look forward to working with the Province on the infrastructure projects that emerge from the recovery investment fund.

Sincerely,

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