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Re: Safe Passing Distance Resolution

To the Mayor and Council of the City of North Vancouver,

I am writing to thank you for your work in proposing the resolution for Safe Passing Distance for All Road Users at the 2021 UBCM convention. As Chair of HUB Cycling's Regional Advisory Committee, I work closely with our local committee members across Metro Vancouver on matters of regional importance. We have been advocating for a modernized Motor Vehicle Act that improves road safety and accountability for many years as a central part of our mandate. The passage of this resolution is an important step towards making roads safer for vulnerable road users, and making active transportation options more accessible to more people. We are ecstatic to hear that the resolution has been passed with the support of delegates from across the province.

Last week over a period of 48 hours, more than 1,220 people from 42 different municipalities in B.C. used our online tool to write 11,000+ letters to their mayor and city councillors asking them to support this resolution. This is an issue that our members and supporters believe is extremely important—as people who bike on our streets, we have all encountered our share of close calls and collisions with motor vehicles. As you know, our outdated Motor Vehicle Act prioritizes motor vehicles over the safety of vulnerable road users, and that must change in order to facilitate municipal and regional active transportation goals.

Our next step will be to ask the provincial government to enact a Safe Passing Law in BC, joining the 40+ jurisdictions in North America that have already passed similar legislation. The passage of the Safe Passing Distance resolution and the support of BC's municipalities is a very important step in moving this forward into legislation, but we must make sure that the provincial government passes this into law. We will continue to work with elected officials and decision makers to ensure that they understand the importance of a Safe Passing Distance Law in BC to create a safe, liveable, and sustainable region.

Thank you for your continued support for initiatives that improve the safety of active transportation, including the resolution for a Safe Passing Distance Law. Together, we can make our region safer, more sustainable, more resilient, and more liveable.

Sincerely,

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