



November 5, 2016

To:

Terry Beech, Member of Parliament, Burnaby North-Seymour

Pam Goldsmith-Jones, Member of Parliament, West-Vancouver-Sunshine-Coast-Sea-to-Sky-Country

Jonathan Wilkinson, Member of Parliament, North Vancouver

Re: National Cycling Strategy

Dear North Shore Members of Parliament,

HUB Cycling is a charitable non-profit organization, whose staff, board, regional advisory committee and ten local volunteer committees represent over 34,000 active contacts and 2,000 members working to improve cycling in Metro Vancouver through action, education and events. We believe that more cycling means healthier, happier, more connected communities.

This letter expresses our support for the National Cycling Strategy introduced as a private member's bill by MP Gord Johns (Courtenay-Alberni) and Alexandre Boulerice (Rosemont-La Petite-Patrie). HUB North Shore works with all government organizations to encourage and suggest improvements to all types of cycling infrastructure.

We believe that a Canadian Cycling strategy can:

- Commit the federal government to clear targets for the expansion of cycling infrastructure
- Encourage more Canadians to choose cycling as their mode of transportation
- Drive consistency in national safety standard measures
- Strengthen the cycling industry in Canada
- Support education for cyclists, pedestrians, and motorists
- Give Canada another tool with which to meet its climate change objectives
- Provide Canadians with another opportunity to improve their health

Only a National Cycling strategy can ensure connectivity of cycling infrastructure across Canada. Other nations like Germany and the Netherlands are pushing forward with bike highways that enable cycle commuting over greater distances. These types of routes when combined with electric bikes (e-bikes) are making cycling a viable option for individuals and families by enabling them to make commutes of 20 to 30 kilometres. A connected Canadian cycling route could also be an important generator of cycle tourism and lead to better connected communities.



We encourage our North Shore Members of Parliament and all members of the House of Commons to engage in a robust discussion on this bill and it is our hope that it will emerge with broad support. We believe the benefits of the national strategy are worth the effort and we look forward to supporting our Members of Parliament in moving this important project forward.

Sincerely,

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