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The Honourable Bowinn Ma
Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness
Province of British Columbia
By email: EMCR.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Ma,

Congratulations on your recent appointment as the first Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness.

HUB Cycling is a charitable not-for-profit organization that has spent over 20 years removing barriers to cycling in Metro Vancouver while cultivating the health, environmental, and economic benefits that active transportation can bring. HUB Cycling's mission is to get more people cycling more often. More cycling means healthier, happier, and more connected communities.

Board members on our Regional Advisory Committee, along with HUB staff, work alongside our ten Local Committees to improve cycling infrastructure across the region and coordinate regional cycling issues and projects.

With your mandate to reduce service disruption due to disaster damage, there is significant value in investing in active transportation as a means to maintain mobility during times of disaster and recovery. Cycling has proven to be very resilient in uncertain times as bicycles and cargo bicycles are relatively small, nimble, lightweight, affordable, and can navigate around some infrastructure obstructions that motor vehicles cannot. Cycling does not require imported fuel, so it is more resilient to supply chain issues, and cargo bicycles can carry goods and people.

Our Regional Advisory Committee would like to meet with you in the next two months to discuss how we can work together to fulfill your mandate to enhance BC's resilience to climate change events over the next several years.



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Sincerely,

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