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The Honorable Caroline Mulroney
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Subject: Driver Education on Safe Interactions with Pedestrians and Cyclists, and Micro-Mobility Services

Dear Minister Mulroney,

I am writing to you on behalf of Peel Regional Council with respect to a motion that was passed on December 3, 2020 regarding the need for improved driver education through the license and testing program on safe interactions with pedestrians and cyclists, and micro-mobility services and systems such as e-bikes, bike share, and e-scooters (Resolution 2020-1048). A copy of this resolution and a report titled “2019 Vision Zero Road Safety Strategic Plan Update – Year Two” are attached for your information.

The Region of Peel has adopted the Vision Zero framework in which a fundamental principle is that no loss of life is acceptable on roadways. As recently reported in the Year-Two update of the Vision Zero Road Safety Strategic Plan, pedestrians and cyclists are identified as two key emphasis areas, and education along with engineering, enforcement, and empathy are highlighted as key strategies for eliminating collisions.

Over the last several years, like many other municipalities, Peel has seen an upward trend in the use of active transportation for mobility and greater demand for active transportation infrastructure. In response, the Region is expanding pedestrian and cycling networks.

As we continue to accommodate this growing number of vulnerable road users, it is essential that improvements to the licensing and testing program keep pace to ensure that drivers are equipped to safely navigate and share the roadway. This improved education has the ability to reduce future driver-pedestrian and driver-cyclist collisions, contributing to the Province and the Region’s shared goal of improving road safety.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter. If you have any questions regarding the recommendation to improve driver education or the Region’s overall efforts to enhance road safety, please do not hesitate to



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contact me directly at (905) 791-7800 ext 4310. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kindest personal regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nando Iannicca', written in a cursive style.

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