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Re: Motion to Oppose Bill 212

Good morning Council and members of the public. My name is Nick Morrison and I'm representing Safe Streets Halton, a group dedicated to ending traffic-related deaths and serious injuries in Halton Region.

We'd like to thank Councillor Nisan for bringing forward this motion stating the city's opposition to the section of Bill 212 that takes decision making authority from communities, and risks the safety of Burlington residents and visitors. Bicycles are a key part of an efficient transportation system. Removing, delaying, or blocking the creation of lanes will not help with congestion despite the rhetoric.

Here are a few pieces of information about the bill that some may be unaware of:

- It will impact every roadway, regardless of classification
- It is not limited to the city of Toronto, it's all of Ontario
- It does not allow for street experiments and data gathering

Bicycle lanes help create a safer transportation system for all road users, with a decrease in the number of crashes recorded, and increased wellbeing for those that live along them.

The City of Burlington has a well thought out integrated mobility plan that has undergone thorough community consultation. This bill is not only an insult to the capabilities of our amazing staff, but also to the residents who participated in the creation of this plan.