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Gord Johns, MP Courtenay-Alberni
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Via email: gord.johns@parl.gc.ca

Dear Gord:

RE: Bill C-312 National Cycling Strategy

On behalf of Council for the City of Port Alberni, I am writing in support of your private member's bill to establish a national cycling strategy. The City of Port Alberni fully supports this initiative to expand investments in cycling infrastructure, improve safety standards, increase cycling education, and generally encourage more Canadians to choose cycling as their mode of transportation.

Port Alberni is a city that strongly values our natural environment and is known for our outdoor and active lifestyles. That is why we are moving forward with our Active Transportation Plan by investing in infrastructure and other improvements to foster increased cycling and other alternative methods of transportation. A national cycling strategy would greatly support these efforts by increasing our capacity for knowledge and establishing guiding policies, standards, and targets.

Many other countries have developed cycling as a ubiquitous mode of transport through long-term planning and goal setting at the national level. We are grateful for the cycling funding and other supports provided by the Province of British Columbia but see a clear need to bring all levels of government together to seize this opportunity to increase the health of our population and protect our environment.

Thank you for advancing this proposal to strengthen our country's health and wellbeing.

Yours truly,
CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

Mike Ruttan
Mayor

pc. The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada