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The Honourable Kent Hehr  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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Member of Parliament Gord Johns  
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**Re: Bill C312 and the Benefits of a National Cycling Strategy**

Dear Minister Hehr,

Bike Calgary endorses MP Gord Johns' Bill C312: 'An Act to Establish a National Cycling Strategy'. In our city of Calgary, we have found the development of cycling infrastructure to be invaluable to the health and safety of our community, but it is not a project we can continue to do on our own. It is imperative that the federal government work in collaboration with the province and municipalities to address the ongoing challenges of gridlock, pollution, and soaring health costs.

MP Gord Johns' Bill C312 delivers a solution to these challenges. We know that cycling can be done anywhere, in any weather, and is an option available to all Canadians regardless of age or ability. Cycling promotes healthy living, eliminates pollution, and is a low cost transportation solution. This legislation will bring all levels of governments together with cyclists, health advocates, educators, and business owners to build a comprehensive plan that will encourage and facilitate getting more Canadians on bicycles.

It is clear that a National Cycling Strategy will lead to a healthier society, more livable communities, safer cycling options, reduced congestion and significant savings for our healthcare system. Additionally, it will help promote Canada's unique landscape as a perfect draw for cycling tourism. We need to do more to make Canada a cycling nation!

As such, we call on you, Minister Hehr as the Member of Parliament for Calgary Centre to pledge your support for Bill C312 by voting in favor of the legislation, and encouraging your colleagues to do the same.

Thank you for your support in furthering active transportation in our region.  
We thank you for the opportunity to provide our input on this project, and we look forward to its implementation.

Yours sincerely,



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