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Hon. Marc Garneau
Minister of Transport
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Re: Bill C-312

Dear Minister Garneau,

The recent annual meeting of Unifor's retired staff endorsed Bill C-312: 'An Act to Establish a National Cycling Strategy.'

Cycling is a sustainable transportation solution that is low cost, environmentally friendly and encourages healthy living.

Cycling is a key means of transportation and recreation in most developed countries around the world.

Many OECD countries have adopted cycling strategies and have seen a significant increase in cycling as a result. The leadership of our federal government can facilitate the changes needed to also transform Canada into a cycling nation.

Bill C-312 will establish a Canadian Cycling Strategy to bring all levels of governments together with cyclists and industry to build a plan that will encourage and facilitate more Canadians on bicycles.

Bill C-312 would:

- commit the federal government to set clear targets for the expansion of cycling friendly infrastructure;
- encourage more Canadians to choose cycling as their mode of transportation;
- improve national safety standard measures, such as side guard rails for trucks;
- support the cycling industry in Canada;
- increase education for cyclists, pedestrians and motorists.

Cycling advocates have long called for a national strategy where the federal government would work with provinces and municipalities to increase commuter, recreational and tourism cycling across Canada.

A National Cycling Strategy can lead to a healthier society, more liveable communities, safer cycling options, reduced congestion and significant savings for our healthcare system. Additionally, Canada's unique landscape is a perfect draw for cycling tourism.

Thank you for your consideration.

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