



# COALITION AGAINST NO-FAULT IN BC

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The Honourable Rich Coleman  
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General  
Fort Langley – Aldergrove  
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Honourable Minister,

I am writing in support and also with praise of the proposed licensing measures you announced on June 4, 2003 and the intended changes pronounced, on June 10, pertaining to impaired driving. The new measures represent a strong commitment to road safety, something The Coalition Against No-Fault has advocated since 1997.

By lengthening the learner and novice stages, you are helping to develop sound driving habits. By restricting the number of passengers in the cars of unsupervised novice drivers, you are promoting safety on BC roads. By strengthening impaired-driving laws, you are taking aim at a far-too-prevalent crime that causes injury, death and other forms of damage on our streets. Incidentally, our coalition advised the news media about the support we have for your efforts.

Six years ago, the Coalition Against No-Fault outlined several ways in which the government could save both lives and money by implementing key measures aimed at, among other things, accident prevention. These principles were formalized in *The Premier Option*, a document produced by our coalition in May 1997. In addition to the sensible measures of graduated licensing, *The Premier Option* also supported the need for enhanced public education for all citizens, as well as specific programming for use in BC schools. We hope such measures will also be considered for implementation in the very near future. Road safety gets at the root cause of collisions and claims costs.

On behalf of the member groups of our coalition, I wish you well with the current public consultation. I expect the process will bring added support for your proposed changes.

Sincerely,

Peter Maarsman  
President  
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