



COALITION AGAINST NO-FAULT IN BC

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Dear MLA:

The Coalition Against No-Fault in BC – the group that, in 1996, with the support of the Liberal caucus, successfully stopped ICBC and the NDP government from implementing No-Fault auto insurance – has recently responded to a new threat by ICBC.

We are suspicious that ICBC is going to introduce forms of No-Fault auto insurance – thresholds and deductibles – that would severely limit an innocent victim's access to complete and fair compensation and justice. We placed an advertisement in the Vancouver Sun and Province newspapers on January 31, 2002 to alert the public and the government to this threat. This ad will also appear in community newspapers throughout the province in the coming weeks. The ad is enclosed.

We are concerned that Attorney General Geoff Plant is considering making changes to longstanding civil laws. These changes would transfer crucial responsibilities from the courts to the government, i.e. the government would be responsible for determining damages against itself, rather than leaving the adjudication of these vitally important issues to the impartial court system.

To address these broader issues we've prepared the enclosed information sheets that outline the eight areas we feel may be under attack. Changing these fundamental rights would undermine the fabric of our society.

For more information on the Coalition or these issues, please call Margaret Birrell, Executive Director of the BC Coalition of People With Disabilities at 604 875-0188.

Sincerely,

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