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Citizens' Coalition Applauds the Government's Decision to End the Civil Liability Review

(Vancouver) - Yesterday, BC Attorney-General Geoff Plant announced in the Legislature that the provincial government has decided not to proceed with changes to the laws that had been proposed in the Civil Liability Review. Mr. Plant said that when the government analyzed the proposed changes and the public comment those changes generated “[it] decided the case for reform had not been made out.”

Mr. Plant then stated: “So that really concludes -- brings to an end -- the Civil Liability Review.”

The *Coalition Against No Fault Civil Liability Review Campaign* congratulates the Attorney General for making a decision that protects public safety and preserves important legal protections for all British Columbians. Coalition president Peter Maarsman said that: “The Campbell government was being pressured by a variety of special interest groups to change the law in ways that would seriously harm victims of: crime, negligence, defective products and faulty construction. We appreciate the decision of the Attorney General and Premier Campbell.”

The *Coalition Against No Fault* had the support of more than 175 community organizations and agencies that have worked together since September 2002 to express their concerns to the government.

Coalition Vice-President Margaret Birrell added that: “This is very good news. Our groups are extremely relieved to know that the right to civil justice for British Columbians has been protected in this province.”