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**To:** Charlene Mckay <[Charlene.Mckay@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:Charlene.Mckay@sd68.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Flagged as Probable SPAM Vote YES on Motion 11 — We need a Safe Passing Law in BC!

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Dear Ms McKay and fellow trustees,

I am a concerned citizen, residing in Nanaimo.

I am writing to urge you to support motion 11 at the upcoming BC School Trustees Association AGM, which calls for the BCSTA to urge the provincial government to pass a safe passing distance law in BC.

Unlike perhaps other messages you have received, I am one of the 4 cyclists struck every day. 4 weeks ago, while riding in a marked bike lane near Nanaimo Regional General Hospital, I was struck from behind by an inattentive motorist. I survived, but with a shattered hip, and according to my surgeon, up to 3 years of rehabilitation. I am a very experienced cyclist, have been involved in organized cycling for nearly 40 years, and have personally cycled over 250,000km on 3 continents. I have cycled in Spain, which does have a safe passing distance law, and it was an amazing experience to see drivers treat other road users with such care.

Every day, thousands of children walk and ride their bikes to school. However, few roads in our province have bike lanes or shoulders, and many do not even have sidewalks, forcing these children to walk and bike on the road with motor vehicle traffic.

Currently, there is no law in BC stating how much space a person driving must give when passing vulnerable road users. Many provinces, including Ontario and Quebec, have have mandated by law minimum passing distances of at least one metre to protect vulnerable road users.

It's time for a safe passing law here in BC! Please vote YES on the motion to urge the provincial government to enact a safe passing law to protect children and other vulnerable road users.

Sincerely,  
Stephen Hinde, 6350 Pinewood Lane, Nanaimo

HUB Cycling will keep Stephen and your constituents informed about your position on this issue.

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