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Re: Snow Sport Helmet Act, Bill 131

Honourable Ross Landry,

I was pleased to hear the announcement of the Snow and Sport Helmet Act, Bill 131 by the Minister of Health, Honourable Maureen MacDonald on December 6th. I am writing this letter to indicate the Atlantic Collaborative on Injury Prevention's full support of this legislation.

As an organization, we work very hard for the prevention of traumatic brain injury (TBI) and are aware of the devastating consequences of TBI. We know that the human and financial costs are staggering, with one brain injury costing an estimated 400,000 the first year, and every year thereafter.

We know that skiing and snowboarding injuries occur on NS ski hills and that the severity of head injury while skiing and snowboarding can be decreased by as much as 88% with the use of helmets. I therefore strongly encourage you to pass this very important piece of legislation and make Nova Scotia a leader in the prevention of traumatic brain injuries on our ski hills.

Sincerely,

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