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**Re: Snow Sport Helmet Act, Bill 131**

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Honourable Ross Landry,

I was pleased to hear the announcement of the Snow Sport Helmet Act, Bill 131 by the Minister of Health, Honourable Maureen MacDonald on December 6<sup>th</sup>. I am writing this letter to indicate the Division of Neurosurgery's full support of this legislation.

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As a Neurosurgeon, I see the devastating lifelong consequences of traumatic brain injury. The human and financial costs are staggering. The financial cost of one severe brain injury is \$400,000 the first year, and every year thereafter. We know that skiing and snowboarding injuries occur on NS ski hills and the severity of head injury while skiing and snowboarding can be decreased by as much as 88% with the use of helmets; therefore, I strongly encourage you to pass this very important piece of legislation.

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This legislation is an important opportunity to showcase Nova Scotia's leadership at a national level in brain injury prevention.

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