

Gordon D Hebb - Snow and Sport Helmet Act, Bill 131

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Honourable Ross Landry
Minister of Nova Scotia Department of Justice
Chair of the Law Amendments Committee
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Re: Snow Sport Helmet Act, Bill 131

Dear Honourable Sir,

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 personal support from a professional viewpoint my full support of this legislation. I plan to ask the board of which I am a member to equally support your effort.

I am encouraged by your frontier work which will be an example to the rest of Canada. Your government has already done wonderful work with the regulations surrounding Quads and other mechanized machines. Your work not only saves lives and life-long injuries plus family trauma but millions of dollars in the Public Health Care system.

As a member of an agency in BC, we work very hard for the prevention of traumatic brain injury (TBI) and are aware of the devastating consequences of TBI. We know the human and financial costs are staggering, with one brain injury costing an estimated \$400,000 the first year, and every year thereafter in addition to the human costs; which are tragedies for all involved.

We know that skiing and snowboarding injuries occur on NS ski hills as well as in the rest of Canada, especially in BC 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, for your population and as an example of responsible leadership for the rest of the country.

Sincerely,

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