

**Gordon D Hebb - LOS-Snow Sport Helmet Act, Bill 131**

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Re: Snow Sport Helmet Act, Bill 131

Honourable Ross Landry,

I am the founder of ThinkFirst Canada, a brain and spinal cord injury prevention agency that has been active for the past 20 years in our country. As a brain surgeon, I am too well aware of the ravages of brain injury and its consequences for the individual, the family and society. A major brain injury costs about 8 million dollars for health care and lost earnings. A major brain injury is devastating for all involved.

I am certain that your proposed law making helmet use mandatory for skiers and boarders will help enormously in reducing this burden. My study of catastrophic injuries in sports and recreation published in 2008 strongly supports the Nova Scotia legislation. Our on-line video entitled " A Little Respect: ThinkFirst" recommends helmets for all skiers and boarders ([www.thinkfirst.ca](http://www.thinkfirst.ca)<<http://www.thinkfirst.ca>>). The video was supported by all the regional ski operator's organizations across the country.

Once again, Nova Scotia is leading the way in Canada to create a safe environment in sports and recreation. You were also pacesetters in your road activities helmet legislation.

The Nova Scotia chapter of ThinkFirst with Lynne Fenerty and Dr. Simon Walling, is one of our best chapters.

Julian Young of your government's office of safety is one of the leaders in injury prevention in the country.

Thus, I have great admiration for what you are doing in Nova Scotia in injury prevention in general, and I strongly support this helmet safety initiative for skiers and boarders.

Yours sincerely,

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