

\*\*\*Submitted via email to the Mayor's office on September 10, 2013\*\*\*

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Dear Mayor Ford,

Each year 900,000 Torontonians travel our streets by bicycle. Cycling is not only good for the health of Toronto citizens and the environment, but also offers a solution to the city's congestion issues while putting less wear and tear on our city's stressed infrastructure.

The cycling community is essential to Toronto, keeping at least 900,000 citizens from travelling in single-occupancy vehicles or on an already overwhelmed transit system. It's also been proven that cycling creates significant positive change in local economies.

Unfortunately, cycling in Toronto is also dangerous with multiple cyclist fatalities and serious accidents each year. We desperately need your support in advocating for infrastructure solutions and to foster better attitudes and behaviours on the part of all citizens, to keep cyclists on our roads.

Please accept this letter as an official invitation from over 1000 members of the cycling community to come take a ride with us - at any time your schedule allows - to experience the joys of cycling in the city and learn more about some of the frustrations and issues cyclists face. Visit the following link to see all the signatures and stories of those supporting this invitation: [www.change.org/robfordrides](http://www.change.org/robfordrides)

We'd be happy to design a cycling route for your daily schedule or we suggest taking a quick spin from Queen's Park to your office at Nathan Phillips Square to see how great it feels to cycle in the city while also getting a better understanding of the need for proper cycling infrastructure. While we invite you to join us for a ride at any time your schedule allows, with the cooler weather now approaching, Fall is a great time for a ride!

We sincerely hope you join us, and are encouraged by your remarks during a 2009 council meeting when you said, "If I lived downtown I'd be with the cyclists. You don't need a car to get to point A to point B." (See: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xwxiv2aznB0>). With your office now centrally located in the heart of the city we hope you'll take a spin on our streets!

As a cyclist who has been hit three times by vehicles while cycling in the city, I can tell you that your support for cyclists is key to keeping this important community safe and vibrant.

On behalf of all of Toronto's cycling community,

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