



## RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PETITION No.: **421-02201**

BY: **MR. JOHNS (COURTENAY-ALBERNI)**

DATE: **MARCH 29, 2018**

PRINT NAME OF SIGNATORY: **THE HONOURABLE MARC GARNEAU**

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Response by the Minister of Transport

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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SUBJECT

**Road transportation**

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**ORIGINAL TEXT**

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**REPLY**

The safety and security of Canadians is a top priority for the Government of Canada and the government is exploring options to make our roads safer.

Cycling is a sustainable mode of transportation and a fun and healthy physical activity. Cycling is used mostly for commuting and recreational purposes, is highly dependent on traffic, geographical features and other local contextual factors, and is not typically an intercity or interprovincial mode of transportation.

For these reasons, constituents would be well served by bringing related issues to their provincial and municipal representatives. The local nature of cycling means that decision-making will be more effective if it is conducted by local and provincial governments.

That is why the Government is taking steps to protect cyclists and improve safety measures for all road users. Transport Canada is currently participating in a working group with the aim of analyzing measures that could protect cyclists and pedestrians specifically around heavy vehicles such as trucks. A summary report will be presented to the federal and provincial deputy ministers of transportation in fall 2018, for their analysis.

Transport Canada also works with the Transportation Association of Canada on issues such as infrastructure improvements to support pedestrians and cyclists.

Transport Canada will continue to ensure the safety, security, efficiency and sustainability of the national transportation network, which includes setting national safety standards and regulating interprovincial modes of transportation.