



June 27, 2014

Mr. Joe Cimino, MPP Sudbury

**RE: Congratulations on your election to the Ontario Legislature**

Good day, Joe! I've already sent you a brief personal email offering my congratulations on your election. I'm now sending you this letter to offer more formal congratulations in my role as a cycling advocate for the Share the Road Cycling Coalition's "Ontario Cycling Advocacy Network" (OntarioCAN).

As you know, the Share the Road Cycling Coalition is Ontario's bicycling policy and advocacy organization. The Coalition works with and on behalf of municipalities to make them more bicycle friendly and has built a robust network of bicycling supporters and partners across the province.

Together with its partners from the private, public, and not for profit sectors, Share the Road is an organization which since its launch in 2008 has led the transformation of Ontario's Bicycling Strategy and Policy (#CycleON, 2013 -- the first bicycling policy update in 20 years) and working together with MPPs from all sides of the House, led proposed legislative changes to the Highway Traffic Act (The Safer Roads for Ontario Act, 2014).

In my capacity as a member of Ontario CAN, I will be keeping in touch to discuss issues of common interest and concern and in particular to chat about how we can work together to continue to develop bicycling infrastructure and education programs that will benefit our community, and our province.

You already know me as a constituent and a passionate advocate, and I certainly know you as one of our great municipal supporters of cycling. My goal in my role as an OntarioCAN advocate is to provide advice and assistance that may help you in our common goal of making cycling safer in Sudbury.

I'd like to offer to meet with you on a regular basis throughout the year and whenever there is an issue at the provincial level that merits a discussion. I will also send you emails regarding bicycling and related events in our community throughout the year.

You'll note that I cc'd you in an email I sent to the City of Greater Sudbury Council earlier in the week about a very scary episode between a cyclist and an ore truck on MR 35 last weekend. These types of dangerous events are unfortunately more common than we think. I've

personally recently had some very nerve-racking situations with large trucks on Lasalle Boulevard.

The recent events highlight the fact that we desperately need safer cycling infrastructure in Greater Sudbury. The province has a real role to play in moving this agenda forward in our City.

As a matter of priority, Share the Road will be working to ensure that the 'Keeping Ontario Roads Safe Act,' is reintroduced in the Legislature quickly. We will also be working to ensure the implementation of #CycleON, Ontario's Bicycling Strategy. We would value your support in helping to make sure this happens.

As you may know, according to polling done by Share the Road, 4% of Ontarians -- or close to 500,000 of us -- ride our bicycles daily. Bicycling is on the rise – I see many more cyclists riding around in Sudbury than ever before. Unfortunately, most of them are cycling illegally on our sidewalks because they are afraid to cycle on our roads. The people of Greater Sudbury, and all Ontarians will benefit from increased investment in this area.

Once the Budget passes and you are back in the constituency for the summer, I would value the opportunity to meet with you to touch base on some of the key cycling issues before the fall.

In the meantime, congratulations once again on your election.

Sincerely,

Rachelle Niemela

OntarioCAN member

Share the Road Cycling Coalition



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Bonjour! As a member of the Share the Road Cycling Coalition's "Ontario Cycling Advocacy Network" (OntarioCAN), I wanted to send a short note of congratulations on your re-election to the Ontario Legislature.

I also want to thank you for filling out our cycling survey prior to the election and for your great support of cycling. We posted the information on our website, and advertised the responses via facebook and twitter. These social media posts were picked up by a number of people in our network, including the local media, so your views were certainly circulated widely!

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We've met several times already, and you've certainly made an impression as a great supporter of cycling. Moving forward, my goal in my role as an OntarioCAN advocate is to provide advice and assistance that may help you in our common goal of making cycling safer in Sudbury.

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