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Hon. Caroline Mulroney Ministry of Transportation 777 Bay St., 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8

RE: City of Mississauga Support for Bill 54 - Vulnerable Road Users Act

Dear Minister Mulroney,

Mississauga continues to be committed to eliminating fatal and serious injury causing collisions on our road networks - a commitment that was strengthened in 2018 when we formally became a Vision Zero city. We continue to expand our efforts to achieve Vision Zero by undertaking projects and programs to protect vulnerable users on our streets. The City's Cycling Master Plan and Pedestrian Master Plan further this commitment by identifying infrastructure improvements in our city to make it safer to walk or ride a bicycle.

Unfortunately, collisions continue to occur throughout Ontario each day. We strongly believe that our most vulnerable road users deserve increased protection and harsher consequences set out by the Highway Traffic Act for those who are at fault in a collision that results in a fatality or serious injury.

I write to you on behalf of the Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee to inform you of our support for Bill 54 -Vulnerable Users Act. The proposed changes to the Highway Traffic Act within the Bill, to increase the legal consequences for those responsible for collisions resulting in a fatality or serious injury, is a necessary and urgently required step to help keep our most vulnerable road users safe.

It is our understanding that Bill 54 - Vulnerable Road Users Act, was referred to the Standing Committee on Justice Policy ahead of a Third Reading. We request that you prioritize the Standard Committee on Justice Policy review and Third Reading of Bill 54, with the aim of passing the bill during the current Legislative session.

Warm Regards,

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Chris Fonseca

Councillor, Ward 3, City of Mississauga Chair, Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee

CC:

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