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transportation.minister@gov.ab.ca

Dear Minister McIver,

I am writing to you today to bring to your attention my concerns regarding the challenges motorcyclists face in obtaining a Class 6 license.

Much like a Class 5 license, the process involves first taking a written knowledge exam followed by a road test. Currently, because there are too few evaluators in Alberta, in too few locations throughout the Province, the result is extensive wait times in scheduling road tests and more alarmingly inexperienced riders traveling great distances in order to be evaluated. This is not safe practice for any motorists on the road. Additionally, there is currently a one-year window from the time the written portion of a Class 6 test is passed to when a road test can be booked. Through no fault of their own, being unable to book the test within that time frame means a rewrite of the first part must occur as the permit has expired.

I understand that the Government of Alberta is currently looking into solutions to help rectify the situation, but a review of the driver exams system will take time. As the season for motorcycles in Alberta is short, I fear more delays will result in lost time on the roads and increased frustrations within our community.

As a start, I believe the current availability to book a road test must be addressed for safety concerns. I propose the following solutions:

1. More opportunities to book an exam are needed in each community.
2. An increase in the number of motorcycle evaluators is needed.
3. Authorize motorcycle safety schools to have evaluators be able to travel to their location as the starting point for testing would alleviate the need for inexperienced drivers to drive great distances, and use bikes they are familiar with thus increasing safety.

Safety of our roadways is important to me and I would like to see the challenges being faced by motorcyclists to safely obtain a license addressed in a timely fashion.

I look forward to hearing your response.

Sincerely,

(Your name, address, & Postal code)