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**RE: Support for Mobility and Accessibility Research Arm**

Dear Dr. Dogra,

The Durham Region Cycling Coalition is thrilled to support your latest project aimed at engaging older adults with becoming citizen scientists who support the advancement of research and decision-making related to mobility and accessibility of sidewalks, paths, trails, public spaces, and roads in the Region of Durham.

The Durham Region Cycling Coalition is a not-for-profit volunteer organization, serving as the community's safe cycling voice. We were formed in the spring of 2015 when five cycle clubs within Durham Region came together to strengthen our advocacy work related to improvements to cycling infrastructure and the inherent benefits of safer roads for our most vulnerable roadway users.

Many of our members and subscribers are older adults who will be interested in participating in your research, and contributing to creating new and local knowledge that can be used by decision makers. We will support recruitment of these members by promoting your research projects through our newsletters and meetings. We are also keen to support you with organizing townhalls on this topic, and on communicating with decision makers. Many of our members have served on municipal committees, and can support meaningful connections that can benefit from learning about local data to inform decision making.

We are also committed to ensuring someone from the Durham Region Cycling Coalition serves on your integrated knowledge translation committee, and on the committee related to the Mobility and Accessibility research arm.

We thank you for your ongoing efforts to make the Region safer for cyclists, and look forward to hearing from you as you learn about the results of this grant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Lalonde".

Ron Lalonde  
Executive Director