



# NEWS BULLETIN

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Advocating for Safe Cycling Throughout Durham Region

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## **ONTARIO GOVERNMENT PROPOSED BIKE LANE RESTRICTIONS.**

With no supporting facts or evidence, the Ford government is pushing forward with legislation which will require municipalities to obtain provincial government approval before removing a vehicle lane to accommodate a bike lane.

Over the last eight weeks, Durham Region Cycling Coalition has been involved with a province wide cycling coalition partnership which has sparked a strong response from the cycling community.

The first tactic developed by the coalition was an online “I Love Bike Lanes” petition which we highlighted in our fall newsletter. You can still sign the petition by clicking [here](#) which will direct you to our host partner Cycle Toronto who are administering the province wide petition.

The second tactic was to record our objection to the proposed legislation locally by submitting a letter to each of the four Conservative MPPs within Durham Region, copies of which can be viewed on our website by clicking [here](#) and scrolling down to the bike lane tab.

The third tactic is a bike “Rally and Ride for Road Safety” taking place at Queens Park on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00pm. Should you wish to attend, details are available [here](#) courtesy of MPP Bell who is assisting with coordination.

As a supporting DRCC member, you can help as well by reaching out to your local MPP to voice your objection. MPP contact information is available by clicking [here](#).



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Moving forward, the coalition partners are continuing to meet virtually seeking strategies to overturn this outrageous proposal. We will continue to share details as they become available.

One has to wonder why the provincial government is not funding cycling infrastructure improvements versus picking on the cycling community.

Our work continues.