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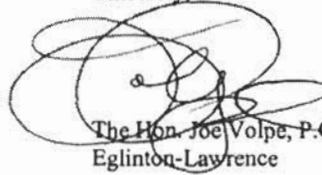
I am writing to acknowledge and thank you for your correspondence regarding the harmonization of Canadian motor vehicle safety and environmental standards with standards in the United States. I appreciate you taking the time to write to me on this issue.

A petition for harmonization of Canadian motor vehicle safety and environmental standards with those standards in the United States has both positive and negative attributes. Canada is an independent country, if full harmonization of standards were to occur, the United States would be dictating the needs for Canadians, instead of Canadians dictating the needs for Canadians. Although the United States has some efficient safety and environment standards, not all would apply to some of the extreme winters experienced in Canada compared to the United States.

I take the issue of road safety very seriously, which is why I introduced a Private Member's Bill on implementing *Electronic Stability Control in vehicles to prevent the skidding and roll-over of vehicles*. My Private Members Bill happens to reflect one of the positions of motor vehicle safety legislation from the United States. If passed, this Bill will make Canadian cars safer. Please find attached a copy of my Private Member's Bill and a press release on the subject.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to write to my in my capacity as Transport Critic for the Official Opposition.

Sincerely,



The Hon. Joe Volpe, P.C., M.P.
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