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The Honourable Jamie Fox
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Dear Mr. Fox,

**RE: PRIVATE MEMBERS BILL – 104 – AN ACT TO AMEND THE HIGHWAY
TRAFFIC ACT**

This letter is being forwarded as a follow-up to previous discussion regarding your introducing a Private Members Bill in this sitting of the legislature.

It is our understanding that the proposed amendment to the Highway Traffic Act seeks inclusion of requirements that operators and passengers of motorcycles be required to remove their crash helmet and any face covering immediately upon coming to a stop at the direction or signaling of a peace officer. Further that failure to do so would result in a penalty provision with an established minimum fine of \$200.00.

As you are fully aware, police personnel are exposed to a variety of situations on a daily basis. The conducting of traffic stops is by far one of the most frequent and often a serious safety risks for the officer(s) involved. The ability to identify an individual encountered by officers is extremely important not only for the safety of the individual officer but also to further any proceedings within the judicial process.

Providing such a requirement within the Highway Traffic Act would assist in the overall safety of officers when carrying out their duties and as such the Charlottetown Police Services is fully supportive of this amendment going forward.

If you have any questions or require anything additional from us, please do not hesitate to this office.

Yours truly,

A. Paul Smith, O.O.M.
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Dear Sir,

I am writing to advise that the Prince Edward Island "L" Division RCMP are fully supportive of your proposed addition to the members bill regarding (4.1) of the *Highway Traffic Act*. Specifically, I support the following addition to the Act:

For purposes of identification during a legal traffic stop, the operator of a motorcycle and any passenger on the motorcycle shall remove his or her helmet and his or her face covering/face mask, if applicable, when requested to do so by a peace officer.

This addition to the *Highway Traffic Act* will enhance officer safety and assist us in performing our duties as Peace Officers.

Sincerely,


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Honorable Jamie Fox

I wanted to send you this letter to advise that the PEI Association of Chiefs of Police support your private members bill in regards to (4.1) HTA The operator of a motorcycle and any passenger on the motorcycle shall remove his or her crash helmet immediately on coming to a safe stop when signaled or requested to stop by a peace officer.

Please be advised that the PEI Association of Chiefs of Police is comprised of: RCMP L Division, Charlottetown Police Services, Summerside Police Services, Kensington Police Service and the Atlantic Police Academy.

Sincerely,

Lewie Sutherland