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Dear Chair and Members of Government Management Committee:

Please accept this letter as my request for your support for the following motion:

"That the General Manager, Fleet Services, be requested to examine the feasibility of requiring rear door passenger mirrors on all city fleet vehicles".

It has recently been brought to my attention that rear door passenger mirrors are currently installed on over 150,000 taxicabs in Korea, China, Indonesia, Japan, Singapore and Thailand. This safety mirror is now spreading to North America with over 4,000 sets currently installed on taxicabs in San Francisco, Chicago, New York, Niagara Falls and Toronto.

I believe this product save lives, prevents injury, prevents car and bicycle damage, prevents medical costs, prevents increases in insurance rates, reduces insurance claims, reduces fines and demerit points, and perhaps most importantly, reduces pain and suffering due to avoided accidents.

The rear door passenger mirrors are a set of mirrors that are installed on the outside of vehicles-for-hire, allowing passengers to view upcoming cyclists before opening their passenger door. I believe that these mirrors should also be installed on all city fleet vehicles which have rear passenger doors.

If you have questions regarding this motion please feel free to contact me at 416-392-0204.

Cheers,

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