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Dear Fellow Torontonians (Councillors Jaye Robinson, Mary-Margaret McMahon, Anthony Perruzza, Ron Moeser, Chin Lee, Stephen Holyday, and Mayor John Tory).

I am writing to encourage you to support the proposal to build bike lanes on Bloor Street!

I drive both a car and a bike, but commute to work exclusively by bike. I spend a good deal of time on Bloor Street shopping and for entertainment.

I am also a physician and scientist at the Hospital for Sick Children. In my work, I encounter many young people, the life blood and future of our City and our knowledge-based economy. For the most part, these young people are living in the core of our City, many in the Annex where they shop and commute by bike. For these young people and for me, biking is the best way to get around the City, reduce pollution, exercise and save money all at the same time. Bike lanes are an essential item in the check list of quality of life features of a City. These young people want to get around safely, drop their children off at school or day care using bikes as transportation, and run errands easily and safely.

For these reasons, bike lanes throughout the City are a great idea and an essential feature of a truly livable City. Bloor Street is an important artery through the heart of our City. Bloor Street supports many of the shops, venues and places of employment that are key to the community that I am describing. A bike lane on Bloor Street would declare that Toronto is forward-thinking and attentive to the needs of young people.

Sincerely

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