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Good afternoon,

Re: IE12.14 Right Turn on Red Lights in Toronto

We are a group of active transportation advocates in Beaches-East York Ward 19 called 32 Spokes. We are in support of making the streets of Toronto safe for all road users including cyclists, pedestrians, and public transportation users as well as automobiles. All our members are cyclists, pedestrians, and TTC users who move throughout the city using these means of transportation. We have become increasingly concerned over the past few years about how much more dangerous the streets of Toronto have felt to us as vulnerable road users. Just last week alone, we had two pedestrians hit by vehicles near the intersection of Main Street and Gerrard Street East in our ward. The City of Toronto has declared itself a Vision Zero city and we are now on our second iteration with Vision Zero 2.0. This Vision "recommends a set of more extensive, more proactive and more targeted initiatives, informed by data and aimed at eliminating serious injury and fatalities on Toronto's roads". Banning right turns on red lights (RTOR) is fully consistent with this recommendation.

As per TCAT's 2018 report, Priority #10 from **#BuildTheVisionTO: Safe and Active Streets for All** is to prioritize the safety of vulnerable road users by banning motor vehicle RTOR's. This practice creates a particularly dangerous environment, and it is responsible for 13% of serious injuries and fatalities between pedestrians and drivers in Toronto.

In conclusion, we are urging the IEC to take strong and immediate action by banning RTOR's in Toronto.

Sincerely,

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