Our Greenway

C/o The City Institute at York University Seventh Floor, Kaneff Tower, Keele Campus Toronto, ON M3J 1P3

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His Worship John Tory Mayor, City of Toronto 100 Queen St. W. City Hall, Second floor, West Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Mayor Tory, Councillor Pasternack, Councillor Perruzza and Toronto's City Councillors,

RE: 40 KG Bike Exemptions

We thank City Council for your collective efforts, and those of City of Toronto staff as we continue to navigate the effect of the COVID 19 pandemic together. In order to support the affordable goods movement needs of local businesses and local communities, we applaud this motion and confirm the urgency around it.

E-assisted cycles high capacity can bring sizeable value to local businesses. These pedal-assist vehicles can replace delivery vans, and improve public health, while reducing congestion and pollution. Our team is currently in the process of launching a cargo cycle pilot which will produce data which will be shared with all levels of government. These high capacity cycles are extremely stable and safe because they are engineered to carry their loads on multiple wheels, and because all drivers will be trained, and all cycles fully insured. During the pilot, we would like to use these cycles in the City's cycle tracks and bike lanes to conduct scheduled and routed deliveries.

We are looking forward to working with the City of Toronto and our community and business partners to provide inexpensive local delivery solutions that meet urgent business and community needs in this challenging time.

Sincerely,

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