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Deputy Mayor McKelvie and members of City Council
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Re: MM5.26 - Don't Block the Box

Dear Deputy Mayor McKelvie and members of City Council,

Cycle Toronto is writing in support of Deputy Mayor McKelvie's motion, seconded by Councillor Nunziata to review the existing fine structure for improper and unsafe stops at traffic intersections. Intersections are incredibly dangerous for people walking, wheeling, rolling, or riding a bike, and making them safer is integral to achieving Toronto's Vision Zero goals.

The current fine for making an improper stop at an intersection is just \$85. In contrast, the current fines for fare evasion on the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) are disproportionately high, with fees beginning at \$195 and increasing up to as much as \$400. This is neither administratively fair, or equitable in the application of administrative justice. Additionally, drivers that fail to come to a complete stop at intersections endanger the lives of people. **Increasing the fine for making an improper stop at an intersection to \$450.00 and \$500 for an intersection in a community safety zone is a step towards improving road safety.**

The way we administer fines and penalties reveals where our priorities lie. Currently, our fines for transit users are disproportionately high in comparison to car drivers. If Toronto is serious about improving road safety and achieving Vision Zero goals, making it safer for people to get around using active modes of transportation is imperative. **Increasing the fines for improper stops at traffic intersections will signal to residents of Toronto that the city is prioritizing the safety of vulnerable road users.**

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alison Stewart".

Alison Stewart
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Cycle Toronto is a member-supported non-profit organization that works to make Toronto a safe, healthy, and vibrant cycling city for all.