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Dear Premier,

First let me congratulate you and all British Columbians for being such great hosts to the recent Winter Olympic Games and the soon to be Paralympic Games.

The Canada Safety Council has considerable expertise in injury prevention and in working with government ministries to achieve greater safety for Canadians. We have a concern regarding a recently proposed Body Armour Control Act which aims to restrict the sale and possession of body armour garments. While we strongly support legislation that will improve safety for police officers, the proposed policy framework will cast a net so wide that it will restrict vital protective garments for motorcyclists, ATV riders, dirt bike riders, forestry workers, farm workers and many others.

While we expressed our concerns in the enclosed document addressed to your Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General the Honourable Kash Heed; I would also like to offer our help and expertise to you and your Minister on this safety issue. We provided such safety expertise in November 2008 on a death review panel advising your Chief Coroner.

I look forward to your reply,

Jack Smith, President  
Canada Safety Council