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Honorable Dalton McGuinty  
1795 Kilborn Avenue  
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Dear Mr McGuinty,

As a resident of Ottawa South, I am writing to request your support for an exemption to Bill 118 to allow the continued use of two way radios in moving vehicles. Two way radios are clearly not the target of Bill 118, and other jurisdictions with similar laws have made provisions through wording or exemptions, to ensure that two way radios in their Province or State can continue to be used. As written, the only clear exception in Bill 118 is for Police, Fire and Ambulance vehicles.

Two way radios have been installed in vehicles since the 1930s. Today, there are two way radios installed in taxis, trucks, school buses, snow plows, and in vehicles owned by Amateur radio operators such as myself. These radios are used to coordinate pick up and delivery of people and goods, as well as for security of people and goods on the road. Without the ability to use the radio while the vehicle is moving, taxis, trucks, snow plows and transit busses will all have to pull over to use their radio, which will negatively impact productivity in Ontario.

Unlike cell phones, two way radios have a speaker, much like a car radio, so listening is as simple as turning on the radio, setting the channel and adjusting the volume. The driver can listen to the radio, hear other people talk and when the driver needs to talk, all they do is pick up the microphone, push the talk button and speak into the microphone. When they are done, they release the talk button.

As a licensed Amateur radio operator, I use my two way radio to communicate with other Amateurs, as part of my hobby and for my volunteer work as the Team Leader for the Emergency Measures Radio Group (EMRG). EMRG is the volunteer Amateur radio emergency communications group serving the City of Ottawa. We work with the City of Ottawa, Ottawa Hospitals, Ottawa Red Cross and Ottawa Salvation Army. Being able to continue to use a two way radio in my vehicle is as important for me as it is for all the other two way radio users in Ontario.

Please recommend an exemption to Bill 118 to allow the use of two way radios in moving vehicles.

Sincerely,

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