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Please find attached a copy of the Private Member's Bill, the *Aftermarket Brake Pad Standards and Specification Act, 2009*, which Liz Sandals MPP Guelph introduced in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario on May 12, 2009.

The legislation is designed to protect the general public and Ontario drivers from aftermarket brake pads that do not meet automotive braking safety standards. It will also protect our production workers who manufacture and mechanics who install aftermarket brake pads from harmful substances detrimental to personal health.

This Bill, if passed, will require that cars equipped with aftermarket brake pads meet specified safety standards, which will be outlined in regulation. Currently, the only standards in place apply exclusively to the original equipment on a new car.

The Bill also requires that aftermarket brake pads have edge code markings for traceability and that they do not contain asbestos. Asbestos is not required to manufacture brake pads and is not used by Ontario manufacturers, but is still used in other jurisdictions. This jeopardizes the health and safety of mechanics and those who dispose of used brake pads.

The Automotive Aftermarket (Parts and Distribution) in Canada is valued at \$16 billion annually and employs over 225,000 people across Canada. Our industry is proud of our commitment to high standards that protects the health and safety of all. That commitment is why we developed our own industry regulatory body and standards. Test procedures and acceptance criteria derived from OE standards have been adopted by the Brake Manufacturers Council, a self-regulating body, set in place to set and maintain acceptable product standards in the aftermarket.

We look forward to your valuable input. We appreciate all your support and if you need further information please let us know. If you can find a spare moment please send Liz Sandals an email of support: lsandals.mpp@liberal.ola.org. Liz is advocating on our behalf on this on Thursday June 4th during the debate. Thank you!

Yours sincerely,
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