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From: Allen, Amanda on behalf of CityClerk
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To: Bowden (King), Anissa; Beaudry, Jacqueline
Subject: FW: Addition section 10:101a to Chapter 126

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From: Dick de Waard [mailto:D.de.Waard@rug.nl]
Sent: Monday, March 01, 2010 8:33 AM
To: CityClerk
Cc: pagreen@umich.edu
Subject: Addition section 10:101a to Chapter 126

Dear madam, sir,

Dr Paul Green of the University of Michigan has informed me about the plans to add a section to Chapter 126 about cell phone use while driving a car or bicycle.

I am writing in support of this bill. Even though there are circumstances where the effects of mobile phone use while driving are very restricted, in general in busy city traffic mobile phone use has a negative effect on divided attention performance and on vehicle control.

We have studied effects of mobile phone use while participants drove a car or a bicycle. In general we found negative effects on the detection of stimuli in the periphery (which could be another vehicle approaching an intersection), on lateral (swerving) and longitudinal (speed) control.

Should you require more or more specific information I'd be happy to provide this.

Yours Faithfully,
Dick de Waard, PhD.

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