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Dear partners of northern municipalities,

A serious accident almost cost the life of a citizen of my constituency due to an attempt to pass on the left on two solid yellow lines. In 2022, after asking a police officer how to prevent such accidents, I learned that the police does not currently have the legal tools to penalize this dangerous maneuver and thus avoid these accidents.

I am currently preparing a bill that would make it completely illegal for a vehicle to pass on the left side of a lane when it is marked with two solid yellow lines.

This will prevent vehicles, including heavy trucks, from passing or attempting to pass on the left when the left lane is in the opposite direction. This is currently a recommendation by law but is not prohibited. There is therefore no penalty for drivers who perform this dangerous maneuver.

In our northern communities, which are centered around both highways 11 and 17, which are main roads for us, the effects of this maneuver are known and devastating. Except to enter a private lane on the left of the road or to enter the highway's lane, there is no reason to use this deadly maneuver. Ontario is the only province that does not penalize this behavior, it is time to prioritize the lives of Ontarians.

I am sure that many of you are very familiar with the situation and care about the safety of citizens who use our roads. This is particularly the case with severe snowstorms approaching which will make our roads less safe.

Dear partners of municipalities across Northern Ontario, I would like to count on your support when I to table this bill in the Legislative Assembly on November 21. Each of your letters to support my initiative could save lives.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Best regards,

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