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Special Committee on Traffic Safety
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Dear Ms. Burianyk:

This letter is in response to your media announcement requesting public concerns, recommendations regarding traffic safety.

During the last few weeks of hearing reports of the feedback from presentations, there has been no mention of increasing the driving age to be more compatible with the maturity of the young / new persons allowed to be in control of a motor vehicle, and with responsibility. The latter has decreased significantly over the past 20 years, I feel.

Therefore, I would like to offer my suggestion to the Committee in gaining knowledge of actual growth and development

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at every stage of life via nursing tests. The facts compare cognitive, physical and sexuality issues and values relating to human development in life stages / age groups.

Learning of anything is best done at an early age ie languages, but actual development of this skill is compared to age groups. For example:

1. Learners / written tests: read, memorize - but to comprehend is yellow middle line on road, but why are they dotted, single, double? - reasoning, comprehension of rules and outcome of not obeying ie blind spots / hills.

2. Driving - physical - do and learn: but responsibility / comprehension of the skill in relation to the individuals life and others - morals. A 2-year increase in Driving Age = maturity at these stages of life.

In closing, apart from increasing fines and trying to reduce drinking and driving only, consider a more mature group in line to sign up for a drivers licence. Broadening our human perception of an individual may give us more reasons for regulating the operation of a motor vehicle.

Hoping I make a difference today and in the future -

Sincerely,
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References: (my own texts)

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Adolescents 11-21 years
- moral judgement

Young Adulthood 21-65 years
- maturity = orderly balance - intellectual,
psychomotor and emotional.

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⌘ H.B. not just the personal circumstances
but the person at a certain life stage.