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Letter of Comment

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Proceeding name

Insurance Corporation of British Columbia 2017 Revenue Requirements Application

Are you currently registered as an intervener or interested party?

No

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Date:

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Comment: Please specify the reasons for your interest in the proceeding, your views concerning the proceeding, any relevant information that supports or explains your views, the conclusion you support and any recommendations. The Commission may disallow comments that do not comply with the Rules of Practice and Procedure.

My interest in this proceeding is as a BC resident who is insured by ICBC. Is ICBC's request for 6.4 % rate increase to Basic automobile insurance based on information out in the media that ICBC needs to increase its revenue due to the amount of claims in the past few years they have had to pay out due to accidents caused by distracted driving and having to pay out large amounts to individuals in accidents who own luxury cars?

If this is the case, then I am extremely outraged that my insurance has to be increased to cover these costs. Not only my insurance, but the insurance of my kids who struggle as it is to insure their vehicles so they can get to work, considering they have clean driving records and have never been in or caused an accident? Why is ICBC seeking to increase rates from the individuals who are driver role models? I do not want my insurance increased so ICBC can continue to insure drivers who continue to disobey laws and cause accidents because of distracted driving? People who cause accidents due to negligence, including distracted driving, should be the ones being punished and those consequences should be enough to keep these dangerous drivers off the road, not punishing citizens with good driving records and increasing their rates to cover the costs of the negligent people, who continue to disobey the law, so they can be out on the roads killing and endangering people's lives over and over again. Their insurance rates should be increased significantly to cover these extra ICBC costs and ICBC should not be allowed to seek this added revenue across the board.

As a BC resident, my vote is a resounding NO to an ICBC rate increase across the board, and a resounding YES to a rate increase in the insurance of the individuals causing the accidents.