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Proceeding name: ICBC rate increase

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I ask that the Commission deny the ICBC request for a 4.9% rate increase.

I'm concerned that the 4.9% increase on top of the last year increase, will be a burden on drivers who are on fixed incomes or lower incomes, but need to drive to get to services or to work. The proposed increases and the last years increase were more than double the rate of inflation. Although I have a private company pension plan (with no indexing) and can afford the increase-many can't. How many British Columbians are seeing their incomes adjusted upward by 10% over 2 years? ICBC costs appear to be out of control.

My main concern is the basic cause of rate increases. The number of crashes, injuries and deaths has increased since the BC Minister of Transportation increased speed limits and focused on slow drivers in left lanes. The message was clear to speed up the traffic. The result has been over 50,000 more crashes in 2014/2015 and 15% more injuries.

ICBC has identified speed, distracted driving and impaired driving as the cause of 81% of traffic deaths, but ICBC invests very little in Accident Prevention activities. For example, although very effective, IRU radar campaigns on Vancouver Island are very infrequent due to lack of ICBC funding.

I recommend that the Commission deny any increase in insurance rates, and that the Commission recommend that ICBC find savings by investing in Accident Prevention and reduces crashes, injuries and deaths. For example funding continual IRU radar campaigns would be a good start.