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This e-mail has been sent on behalf of Mrs Megan Parnaby, at [REDACTED]. They can be contacted by phone at [REDACTED] or by e-mail at [REDACTED]. The content of their submission is below.

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I support safe passing distance laws for cars and trucks overtaking bicycles, so we can all share the road safely.

When bike riding is safer, more people will leave their cars at home. This will mean better health, less congestion on our roads and less pollution.  
And more people will ride for the pure pleasure.

Currently, when I go out for a ride I wonder if this will be the day that I get hit and killed or permanently disabled because invariably at least one driver per training session will come close enough and fast enough to clip me should I happen to wobble or move sideways with a gust of wind.

Personally I would like to see a significant number of hours of bike riding added to the requirements for attaining a drivers licence so that drivers can actually experience and understand the need for a safe passing distance.

An education campaign to raise awareness of the issue (like declare war on 1034; showing my age!) before and during the introduction of a new law is absolutely critical if you are to get a positive response.

We are all in this together. There is no 'us' and 'them', safe passing distance laws make our roads safer for everyone.