



# **WHY NO-FAULT AUTO INSURANCE** **IS NOT RIGHT FOR ALBERTA**

## **WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE WRITING YOUR MLA**

There are many reasons why no-fault insurance is not right for Alberta listed below are just a few that can help you craft a letter to your MLA.

### **NO-FAULT WON'T REDUCE PREMIUMS**

When first enacted – in Ontario and elsewhere – no-fault auto insurance was considered a way to combat high premium costs. However, studies have shown private, no-fault systems are consistently among the highest-cost auto insurance jurisdictions. No-fault means no savings for Albertans.

### **NO-FAULT BENEFITS INSURANCE COMPANIES, NOT CONSUMERS**

No-fault insurance is designed to help insurance companies control costs, not to better treat Albertans injured in automobile accidents or lower premiums for consumers. No-fault means even more profits for insurance companies while consumers pay more for less coverage.

### **NO-FAULT MEANS POORER TREATMENT FOR INJURED ALBERTANS**

No-fault favours a one size fits all approach to injury treatment and care. No-fault is opposed by most medical professionals because it does not support proper medical treatment of injuries. Instead, injury benefits are held low by insurance and victims pay more to support their recovery.

### **NO-FAULT IS THE WORST FORM OF CORPORATE WELFARE**

Auto insurance companies are profitable in Alberta but at the same time have been hiking rates on Albertans. Doing even more favours for a profitable industry is the worst form of corporate welfare.

### **NO-FAULT PROTECTS BAD DRIVERS AND PUNISHES GOOD ONES**

No-fault treats those who cause accidents the same as those not at-fault. There is no accountability for bad or negligent drivers. If no one is “at-fault”, no one is held liable for their actions, and drivers have fewer reasons to behave safely on the roads.

### **NO-FAULT MEANS NO ACCOUNTABILITY FOR INSURANCE COMPANIES**

No-fault eliminates your right to challenge a insurance company decision in court. By eliminating the ability to sue an at-fault driver's insurance company, insurers have no accountability in a no-fault system. Access to justice through the courts needs to be preserved.

### **INSURANCE COMPANIES ARE EXTREMELY PROFITABLE**

The insurance industry has profited off the pandemic saving \$745 million in costs in 2020. Despite the huge windfall profits, insurance companies are lobbying for a no-fault system that will save them even more money and hurt consumers.

### **NEW WCB BUREAUCRACY FOR INSURANCE DISPUTES**

A no-fault system means insurance disputes will no longer be settled by the courts. Instead, a new government bureaucracy will be created much like the Workers Compensation Board (WCB). Albertans do not want another WCB for auto insurance run by private insurers.