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Auto insurance rates unfair and unaffordable

The following is a letter to Premier Dalton McGuinty filed with The New Tanner for publication.

Dear Mr. McGuinty
Thank you for responding to my previous email regarding automobile insurance for my son. My son is a 20 year old with driver's education, an Ontario G licence and a clean driving record. As of right now, I still have not been able to obtain affordable insurance for him. I also have received no communication from the Honorable Greg Sorbara regarding this issue.

Supports per bag cost

To the Editor,
Hopefully within the next month or so, Halton Region's planning and public works committee will orchestrate a full-fledged review — as it promised — of the environmentally-proactive option of having pay-per-bag garbage collection instead of the property assessment method currently in place.

Like utility usage, energy and sewage costs, waste disposal costs should be directly related to the actual usage and not to the current property assessment costing method.

In my opinion, it appears that fairness was waived to allow for expediency and, to a degree, as a knee-jerk reaction to support for growing costs of garbage.

It's clear that all of us must

Letters

Your letter to me dated August 4, indicated that you were forwarding my concerns to him.

As I stated before it is criminal to treat our youth and young adults as guilty until proven innocent, as seems to be the case in trying to obtain auto insurance. It is no wonder there are people driving the roads in this country without insurance. We have made it illegal to

drive without insurance so why is it also not mandated that it also be made economical enough for people to be able to afford to purchase it.

People are being forced to cheat and drive illegally, and that is wrong. As I already said I still have no affordable means to insure my son so he can commute to college in September.

Another situation has also occurred again regarding auto insurance. My other son has recently been asked to be ready to help out his grandparents by driving them to their doctor's appointments and other various outings. But it seems that he also cannot be insured on their policy or any other policy economically. He has his Ontario G2 driver's licence, also with his driver education certificate. His grandmother cannot drive because of health reasons and his grandfather needs some assistance also because of his health. Their appointments are often separate. They have tried to put him on as an occasional driver to help them out and all of these companies want at least \$2000 for six months. This is a total rip off - and that quite simply is what it is.

It is the responsibility of the governments to put some controls on these rip off artists (insurance companies). Remember, they would not be able to do what they are doing if it was not illegal to

drive without insurance. I am, however, not even suggesting that we should let people drive without some kind of insurance, but this is way out of hand.

I think it is time to act on this matter now and stop passing the buck like Mr. Chudleigh (of the Ontario Conservatives, and our MPP) did in his condescending response to my initial letter. The Conservatives had ten years to fix this and did not. Every one should and must get together and fix this mess. It is not funny any more. We need action on this matter now.

Anxiously awaiting an affordable solution,

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