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Shri. Nitin Gadkari  
Minister of Road Transport &  
Highways of India  
2, Motilal Nehru Marg  
South Block, Man Singh Road Area  
New Delhi, Delhi 110011

Dear Shri. Nitinji,

I have read your statement in today's newspapers about the steep fines under the Amended Motor Vehicles Act and the reluctance of Politicians of all hues to enforce the amended law for fear of losing support of the people. Our experience in the Public Concern for Governance Trust (P.C.G.T) has been that politicians have themselves broken the law and P.C.G.T has pointed this out not only to the culprits but also the Chief Ministers concerned. Leaving that aside we feel that it is most important for our country, which aspires to sit at High Table of the comity of Nations to learn to be law abiding and respect the Rule of Law. It is sad to note that Politicians are in the forefront of opposing this initiative by one of the Cabinet's dynamic Ministers to prevent fatalities on the road.

I wish to bring to your notice that P.C.G.T has been working on this issue through its network of city colleges in Mumbai. NSS students have been enlisted to spread the message of good governance by respecting all laws and to start with the small laws like traffic laws in their own colleges and among their own students. We have collected thirty thousand pledges from the students not to break the traffic laws. This project we have undertaken in consultation with the Traffic Police. The Police Commissioner himself attended one of our dialogues with the students and encouraged them to be law abiding.

With regards,

Julio Ribeiro