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Subject: School Bus Emergency

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Hi there

My family and I, alongside thousands of families in Ontario are deeply concerned with our children's safety using school buses.

My two sons are special needs, so our bus comes right to our house. Over a two year period, I have watched more than 20 cars zoom right past our bus. This bus is filled with low functioning and medically fragile children. Children who could at any moment, run from their parents arms on to the street. And despite the buses having a stop sign out, an arm out and lights on, cars continue to zoom by!

I have reported multiple cars to the local police. But without photo/video evidence, charged cannot be laid. All us parents are to busy focusing on our children. We cannot hold our phone recording the road as well!

Police have cameras in their cars. Hamilton buses having cameras in their buses. Hamilton cabs have cameras in their cars. So why don't our school buses?! Our school buses are carrying precious cargo! Children aged 3 and up!

I am emailing you today to ask WHY? Why don't all school buses have cameras? People will never stop for buses when they know they won't get caught!

What are YOU doing to better our children's safety on school buses?

Krista London-Verticchio