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Julia McLean  
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Canterbury Equestrian Advocacy Group Chair

Dear Julia,

Congratulations on your work to improve the safety of horse riders on New Zealand's roads.

As a charitable trust promoting the welfare and well-being of horses, we wholeheartedly support a change in legislation to protect horse riders; and the impetus to raise awareness for greater care by road users when travelling near horses and riders.

Pass Wide And Slow is a vital message to raise awareness for road users when travelling near horse riders. However, a change in legislation is required to recognise equestrians as vulnerable road users.

The effect of a fall from a startled horse can be catastrophic for the rider, and a loose horse can create more danger on the road for other users.

As part of a connected equestrian community throughout New Zealand, the Trust supports the petition for change for horse riders to be recognised as vulnerable road users.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Godber", is written over a light blue circular stamp or watermark.

Mike Godber  
**Chairperson**  
**NZ Horse Ambulance Trust**