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Inquiry into the impact of revised speed limits in Civic – Petitions 31-21 and 38-21

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I want to begin by saying that I have held my license since 2014 and have never had an offence until now. I am a good driver.

The parts in Civic in question were once 60km/h zones and I used them to go to and from the gym both before and after work. In July, there were not as many speed signs as there are now to indicate the new 40km/h zones. It is a good thing they have increased signage now to make things clear.

However, the offences that happened in July should be waived as no warnings were issued to a lot of us drivers in the lead up to the change and the signage was inadequate then. After just having a quick look at the Change.org petition, you will see the number of people with this same view. You will also see that a lot of people were actually going under 50km/h or under 55km/h even if they thought this was a 60 zone. There was no communication during the grace period to warn us.

This is really unfair if the infringements are not waived for at least the month of July. Infringements should be for safety reasons and so people should have been adequately made aware. This did not happen so please consider at least the July infringements as a warning and waive them.