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**FROM:** United States National Motorists Association (<http://www.motorists.org>)

**TO:** Stop100.ca - Increase Speed Limits on Provincial 400-series Highways Movement

US National Motorists Association Endorsement

On behalf of the National Motorists Association, I am pleased to endorse the efforts of [stop100.ca](http://stop100.ca) to raise the speed limit in Ontario. Our members look forward to joining in a coalition with [stop100.ca](http://stop100.ca) to set speed limits according to sound engineering principles. Based on real world observations, a speed limit of 120-130 kph is a good start. People drive at speeds at which they are safe and comfortable driving and speed limits that reflect that have much improved compliance. It is time that officials acknowledged reality in establishing roadway speed limits. We believe that highway safety will be unchanged as no peer reviewed independent study has ever established a causal relations between speeds, speed limits and highway fatalities. Since speed limits were returned to state control in 1996, the fatality rate has continued its historic decline. States that raised their speed limits to 70 mph or more have experienced a larger drop in their fatality rates than states keeping 65 mph speed limits on their rural interstates.

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### **About NMA**

The organization was founded in 1982 to combat the 55-MPH National Maximum Speed Limit. NMA was successful in that effort and later expanded to other important driving issues.