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Ms. Kathleen Patterson
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cc: DC Inspector General Daniel Lucas, Councilmember Mary Cheh, Councilmember Charles Allen

via electronic submission to odca.mail@dc.gov

Dear Ms. Patterson,

We are writing as DC's road users - cyclists, pedestrians, scooter riders, drivers - and DC taxpayers to request the Office of the DC Auditor launch an in-depth audit into the DC Vision Zero initiative. By 2024, the DC Vision Zero initiative aims to end traffic fatalities by creating safe streets, protecting vulnerable road users, and preventing dangerous driving. Yet since the program was launched in 2015, traffic fatalities in the District have been on the rise¹. Since June 2018 alone, at least three cyclists, three pedestrians and one scooter rider have been killed by drivers on DC roads². That's seven people in a city of 700,000 residents, or one fatality per 100,000 DC residents.

So now we ask you: If the Mayor-backed initiative created to eliminate traffic fatalities is not working, we want to know why and to what extent its costing DC taxpayers.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,
Rachel Maisler and Matthew Sampson
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¹ <https://mpdc.dc.gov/page/traffic-fatalities>

² <https://wamu.org/story/18/10/05/memorial-ride-cyclist-killed-driver-shuts-constitution-ave-rush-hour/>

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