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All too frequently impaired drinking and driving has tragic consequences. However, as a society we need to recognize that there should be limits on the power of the state to interfere in the rights and freedoms of citizens.

More than three years ago, reacting to a proposal made in Alberta’s legislature, I voiced concerns about the civil liberties implications of forcing drivers to provide breath samples, particularly if the police were demanding a test arbitrarily and for wrongful reasons. I stated that the laws as they stood provided society with adequate protection without an unreasonable further reduction on individual rights. I also said it would be hypocritical to hold principles and apply them only when convenient.

I feel it is important for police to have a reason to randomly stop a motorist and to then assess impairment by reasonable measures. Not for them just to target licensed restaurants and sporting events in patrol cars hidden in the dark, then

to stop vehicles without cause and demand drivers that leave to give immediate breath tests even though they could falsely test over if they had consumed even one recent drink. We must be able to trust our police that they honestly and fairly exercise their authority in the best interests of society. They don’t always do so, which is why judicial oversight of police actions is so important. They, as do us all, need to have a mechanism to be held accountable for our actions.

To better protect ones rights and freedoms and to provide more accuracy and concrete evidence, I suggest that the Edmonton police enact the following:

- Record all police communication channels
- Provide constables or cars with audio visual recording devices
- Utilize and maintain the date and time recording features of the screening devices for evidence



Standing up for principles can be at a huge cost but it is important to do so as it impacts not only your rights but many others.

What do you think?

Peter Goldring is the Member of Parliament for the riding of Edmonton East. The attached list chronicles Peter's involvement in parliamentary, committee, and critic duties from 1997 to present.

- Senior Critic for Veterans Affairs - 3 years
- Deputy Critic of Intergovernmental Affairs - 1 year
- Member of Joint Senate/House Constitution Committee - Quebec Schools
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- Member of Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs
- Deputy Critic for National Defence and also Public Works - 1 year
- Vice Chair of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs
- Senior Critic for Public Works and Government Services - 1 year
- Critic for Housing, Homelessness, and Poverty - 3 years
- Vice-Chair of the Canada-Caribbean Parliamentary Friendship Group
- Member Human Rights and International Development Committee - 1 year
- Foreign Affairs Critic (Caribbean) - 1 year
- Chair of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Friendship Group - 1 year
- Member Foreign Affairs and International Development Committee - 6 years
- Chair of the Standing Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament - 3 years
- Vice-Chair of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Friendship Group



The court summation states. This is not a trial about impaired driving. The defendant was not charged with impaired driving. No witness in this trial claimed to observe any symptoms of impairment. This trial is about a failure to comply promptly with police directions. For which he was absolutely acquitted.

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