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Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to you on this issue.

People complain about the “Nanny State’ restricting their freedom, but when they are injured as a result of their own foolishness they never complain about the Nanny State tucking them up in a hospital bed and paying their medical bills!

I suggest that people should be exempt from fines for not wearing helmets, seat belts, etc. if they can show that they have private health insurance that would cover the cost of their treatment. I’m sure the private health insurers would be happy to oblige (for a price). Even if few take up the option, it would help people to appreciate the financial implications of their freedom to wear or not to wear protective gear.

Best wishes in your inquiry

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