

April 21, 2004

The Honourable Geoff Plant
Attorney General
& Minister Responsible for Treaty Negotiations
Room 234, Parliament Buildings
Victoria, B.C.
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Dear Minister Plant,

Re: Trespass Act

I am writing to encourage you to act quickly in amending a very outdated Trespass Act.

As President of BOMA BC, I am receiving increased concern expressed about the need for building managers to have more tools to effectively protect their private property. The current Trespass Act is ineffective. Our members are hearing constantly from tenants about increased aggressive and disorderly behaviour by city vagrants and addicts. We need your help.

The need to keep our buildings safe for businesses and their employees has led BOMA to join the Safe Streets Coalition. As a member of the Coalition, we support their formal position for a new Safe Streets Act as well as an amendment to the Trespass Act.

We believe that the proposed legislative changes will send a strong message to our business tenants that this government is serious about dealing with aggressive, disorderly behaviour and allow the public to feel safe and secure at their work and on the streets. I urge you and the provincial government to bring forward amendments to the Trespass Act and introduce a new Safe Streets Act during this spring legislative session.

Incorporated in 1911, the Building Owners and Managers Association of British Columbia (BOMA) is an industry organization representing over 400 corporate members that own or manage in excess of \$ 7 billion of commercial real estate throughout the province.

Sincerely,

Richard Anderson
President

c.c. The Honourable Rich Coleman
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General