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I will need
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PROJECT PROPOSAL

Voluntary Groups' Efforts for Public Safety

Our system of safety is currently being challenged on several fronts by various voluntary groups. The food we eat, the type of environment we have, our health situation, the mechanical and electrical standards established and the dangers from radiation are some of the concerns these groups are pressing in a growing campaign for public safety.

The paper's focus would then be on several brief case studies of voluntary action for public safety. For example:

- . electrical safety - the Concerned Consumers Foundation fight for safe wiring in homes.
- . occupational health safety - the United Steelworkers campaign for labour safety standards at Elliot Lake.
- . mechanical safety - the Automobile Protection Association case against the Datsun 240Z brake system.

The background to the development of safety issues will be described. Proposals for changing Canada's safety system will also be made. Directors of contacts and source material will also be prepared.

The outline of the paper would be:

- Part I The Safety Question in Canada
- Part II Safety Issues and Voluntary Action
- Part III Proposals for Change
- Part IV Contact and Source Material Guides

The paper is intended to be a working paper used by citizens interested in safety issues and other interested parties.

Ken Rubin has authored various public interest studies. These include:

- . Citizen Action Against Corporate Power in Canada.
- . Food Store Self Help Projects and Food Aid Alternatives.
- . Counter-Report on the Canadian Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs.
- . Citizen Participation in a Consumer Oriented Transportation System in Canada.
- . The Public Interest in Self Governing Professions

→ Any support for helping out on this study will be welcome.