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Dear Mr. Sinnott:

Subject: Jing Zhang - Public Fatality Inquiry Response to Recommendation

Please find enclosed a copy of the Honourable Judge M.V. De Souza's report to the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General for the death of the above-noted person. This report will be publicly released on June 23, 2021.

As recently discussed in an e-mail exchange with our office, the following recommendation may impact Parks Canada as the accident occurred in a National Park:

• Evidence supported that changes to the look-out area could have prevented the fatality. For example: a) a square curb separating the road from the sidewalk; b) a barrier separating the road and pedestrian areas and river; and c) parking requirements to ensure vehicles parked parallel, as opposed to perpendicular, to a steep slope. A study should be conducted in the Rocky Mountain area to identify high-traffic, high risk areas and ensure curbs, barriers and parking zones are adapted to the terrain.

I ask that you please advise the following:

- 1. Whether Parks Canada accepts, accepts in principle, does not accept, or has a different response to the recommendation;
- 2. A brief explanation of why that decision was made; and
- 3. If Parks Canada intends to accept the recommendation, or to implement different measures, what steps will be taken in that regard.

Classification: Public

A response to this enquiry is not mandatory. However, be advised that this letter and any response received will be publicly released and posted on the Open Government Portal:

https://open.alberta.ca/opendata/responses-to-public-fatality-inquiry-recommendations.

If a response has not been received by October 25, 2021 (four months from the public release date) that information will also be made publicly available.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours truly,

Original Signed

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Enclosure