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Dear Abid Mavani:

Thank you for your letter regarding Honourable Justice J.J. Moher's report regarding the public fatality inquiry into the death of Briella Johanne Brooks.

Mental Health and Addiction reviewed the report and recommendation put forward. In doing so, I can confirm Mental Health and Addiction accepts the recommendation that the Government of Alberta increase public awareness and funding for programs addressing substance misuse, including increasing public awareness and education focused on the dangers of any exposure of infants and children to any amount of methamphetamine or other illegal drugs.

Illicit drugs should always be considered dangerous and potentially deadly. Sadly, this tragic loss underscores the risks of exposure to illicit drugs, particularly when it comes to children and young infants. As part of Alberta's Recovery Model, the Government of Alberta is committed to raising awareness among the public about the deadly disease of addiction and the harms associated with drug use. To support this, Alberta's government launched an advertising campaign underscoring the fatal risks associated with opioid addiction. We also continue to expand services that span prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery to help more Albertans struggling with addiction pursue long-term recovery.

Thank you again for bringing the public fatality inquiry report and recommendation to my attention.

Sincerely, 

Original Signed

 Evan Romanow
Deputy Minister

cc: Malcolm Lavoie, Deputy Minister, Justice