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Dear Ms. Fuchinsky:

Thank you for your February 21, 2018 letter regarding the results of the Cody Mason Demary Public Fatality Inquiry.

Alberta Transportation is committed to safety for all workers in Alberta. Alberta Transportation is working with Alberta Labour to review the recommendations presented by the Minister of Justice and the Solicitor General, including annual inspections of back-up warning signals on commercial vehicles.

In principle, Alberta Transportation accepts the recommendation to review the Alberta Vehicle Inspection Regulation to give consideration to the inclusion of back-up alarms as part of the required annual inspection for commercial vehicles.

Alberta Transportation conducted a preliminary jurisdictional scan that indicates that most provinces and territories, including British Columbia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, the Northwest Territories, Nova Scotia, Nunavut, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, and Saskatchewan, do not require commercial vehicles to be equipped with a back-up alarm under Traffic Safety legislation or associated regulations.

To address back-over crashes and align with the United States, Transport Canada will be implementing rear-view camera systems for new cars and small trucks starting in May 2018. At this time, there is no expectation that this requirement will be expanded to include heavier vehicles. Alberta's legislation will require rear-visibility systems be maintained in good working order. Vehicle manufacturers are bound by the vehicle standards set out by Transport Canada, Alberta's role is to ensure that vehicles are adequately maintained as defined by Alberta's Inspection regulation and that any after-market modifications are compliant with Alberta's Vehicle Equipment regulation.

Alberta Transportation will conduct further analysis, and may engage in consultations with key stakeholders, to ensure that this issue is given full consideration.

Sincerely,

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