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Ms. Jennifer Fuchinsky
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Dear Ms. Fuchinsky:

Thank you for providing a copy of Honourable Judge Joshua B. Hawkes' report regarding the public fatality inquiry into the death of 22-month-old Mackenzy Woolfsmith, who died following an injury at a privately operated day home. The death of any child is devastating, and our thoughts remain with the family and community who continue to mourn Mackenzy.

Fatality inquiries provide a valuable opportunity for an external review of tragic incidents involving Albertans. Children's Services continues to evolve to serve the needs of vulnerable Albertans and values the input from our ministry partners and stakeholders. They offer insight into how Alberta's child care system, whether licensed and approved care or privately run day homes, can be enhanced to support better outcomes for children and families.

Children's Services' response to the recommendations and our rationale are in the attached table. Thank you for the opportunity to respond. If you require anything further, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

(original signed)

Darlene Bouwsema
Deputy Minister

Attachment