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Dear Ms. Fuchinsky:

Thank you for providing a copy of Honourable Judge Joshua B. Hawkes' report from the public fatality inquiry into the death of Mackenzy Jane Woolfsmith.

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 value input from our partnering ministries and stakeholders.

Children's Services appreciates the opportunity to respond to Judge Hawkes' 10 recommendations specific to the Alberta context and the more than 60 he has drawn from the 2014 Ontario Ombudsman's report made in the public fatality report regarding this young person. With this in mind, we respectfully request the ministry response due date be extended from May 14, 2019, to September 30, 2019. Please let my office know if this date will meet your needs.

I look forward to hearing from you; in the meantime, please contact my office if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Original signed

Darlene Bouwsema
Deputy Minister