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Dear Abid Mavani:

The Ministry of Justice and Solicitor General is thankful for the opportunity to respond to the Honourable Judge Schaffter's recommendations from the fatality inquiries for TDM, TCM, TMB, and DB.

Justice and Solicitor General **accepts** the Honourable Judge Schaffter's recommendation that:

"The Ministries of Justice and Health should inquire into the feasibility of the creation of Youth Drug Treatment Courts."

The Alberta Government has committed to the expansion of drug treatment courts (DTCs) across the province. Justice and Solicitor General (JSG) is developing a Provincial Drug Treatment Court Program that is expanding access to DTCs. Currently, JSG is working to create five new adult DTCs in medium sized centres across Alberta. Once this expansion phase is completed (projected to be in the spring 2022), JSG will explore delivery of DTC services to more rural areas and other DTC style programming. The feasibility of youth DTCs in Alberta will be explored during this final stage of the DTC expansion (beginning in 2022).

Yours truly,

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