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Mr. Richard Paton  
Panel Chair  
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Dear Mr. Paton:

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the Railway Safety Act (RSA) Review 2017-18. The Government of Alberta applauds the RSA Review Panel's consultation and review process, and we encourage continued collaboration of multiple levels of government, as well as concerned citizens and stakeholders, in advancing Canada's railway safety policy frameworks. Similarly, we look forward to enhanced collaboration with Transport Canada, as well as with the provinces and territories, in railway safety matters.

For this review, the Government of Alberta engaged a cross-ministry team composed of subject matter experts in a variety of areas, including railway safety, dangerous goods, environmental policy, agriculture and energy, among others. It is this collaboration that forms the basis of this submission. The Government of Alberta's feedback highlights six areas of importance including the following: Roles, Responsibilities and Oversight; Work/Rest Rules; Track, Infrastructure and Equipment; Safety Management System and Approaches; Blocked Crossings; Cooperation, Collaboration and Education; and Shortlines.

The Government of Alberta looks forward to further engagement in these matters, as well as future collaboration and cooperation with federal, provincial, territorial and municipal levels of government in the development of railway policies that support Alberta's economy and our citizens' quality of life.

Sincerely,



Brian Mason  
Minister

Enclosure