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Ms. Lisa Lapointe, Chief Coroner Office of the Chief Coroner Ministry of Justice Metrotower II Suite 800 – 4720 Kingsway Burnaby BC V5H 4N2

Dear Ms. Lapointe:

Thank you for the copy of the BC Coroners Service Child and Youth Death Review Panel Report and Recommendations as conducted in accordance with section 49 of the British Columbia *Coroner's Act*.

British Columbia has made tremendous strides in reducing traffic fatalities and injuries in the past decade, including toughening penalties for excessive speeding, stunting and drinking and driving, banning new drivers from using electronic devices, expanding the use of intersection safety cameras, creating integrated road safety units, and enhancing graduated licensing.

The thorough work of panel members and staff, including the expert examination of facts and circumstances of young driver deaths from 2004-2013, is an important piece of research that will help inform our understanding of road trauma in BC and approaches in preventing future tragedies.

In response to *Recommendation #3: Reduce Speed Related Injury and Death*, we will take time to consider the report fully and assess the recommendations. As requested, we will advise the Coroner of future plans.

Thank you for your continued efforts to help make BC roads the safest in North America.

Yours very truly,

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