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The Honourable Luke Ouellette
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Dear Minister Ouellette:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to our new team as Minister of Transportation. The purpose of this letter is to outline the priorities and issues that I expect you to address through your ministry.

Our government has accomplished a great deal over the years and Albertans have indicated their continued support for our efforts. As a government we must continue to accomplish our goals in a manner which ensures accountability to Albertans. Integrity and openness will remain at the forefront of how we conduct ourselves and how we accomplish our goals.

Our business plan will set out the five priorities and the actions we will take to implement those priorities over the next two years. We will also publicly report on our progress on achieving these priorities as a part of our regular business planning cycle.

In order to fulfill the commitments we made to Albertans during election 2008 and to better focus on what we heard from Albertans, our priorities will be:

1. Ensure Alberta's energy resources are developed in an environmentally sustainable way.
2. Increase access to quality health care and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of health care service delivery.
3. Promote strong and vibrant communities and reduce crime so Albertans feel safe.
4. Enhance value-added activity, increase innovation, and build a skilled workforce to improve the long-run sustainability of Alberta's economy.
5. Provide the roads, schools, hospitals and other public infrastructure to meet the needs of a growing economy and population.

We will work collaboratively as a team to achieve all of our government priorities, but you will have a specific role to play.

You will work with the President of the Treasury Board to:

- Provide the roads, schools, hospitals and other public infrastructure to meet the needs of a growing economy and population, and

Lead the following initiative:

- Double the provincial investment in highway repaving and bridge repair over the next three years.

In closing, I consider this letter and your agreement to work on mutually-agreed upon priorities and initiatives, in addition to your core businesses in your ministry business plan, to be a contract between us. Your accomplishment of these objectives will help us to realize our goals and will allow Albertans to measure our performance as a government.

Sincerely yours,

(original signed)

Ed Stelmach
Premier

