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Hon. Brian Mason
Minister of Transportation
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10800 - 97 Avenue
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Dear Minister Mason:

I am writing to encourage you to update provincial regulations to allow for the testing of autonomous vehicles in Alberta.

Further to the Notice of Motion to be debated today at Calgary City Council and the ongoing work at the City of Edmonton to create a framework for addressing automated vehicle technology, I believe the testing of autonomous vehicles is a tremendous economic development opportunity for our province.

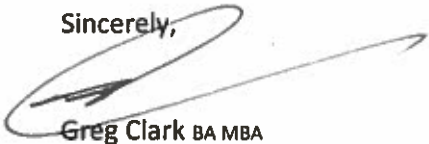
Last year Ontario became the first province in Canada to create a pilot regulatory framework to test automated vehicles on its roads. The emerging efforts in our two major cities create a similar opportunity for our province, and given the pace of technological advancement it is important that Alberta act quickly if we want to take advantage of this opportunity and become part of the rapidly-growing field of autonomous vehicle technologies.

I note that the Ontario pilot is a joint effort of Universities and the private sector. I strongly encourage Alberta to follow a similar model. Matching a University's technical expertise and academic rigour with risk-taking and financing expertise of business should help move research and application of autonomous vehicle technology forward. I urge you to consider both sides of this equation, and recognize the importance of entrepreneurs in driving innovation and growth.

Alberta offers unique opportunities for testing autonomous vehicles given the wide variety of terrain and climates in our province. As we look for opportunities to diversify our economy and create jobs well-suited to Alberta's highly skilled workforce, autonomous vehicle testing should be a priority.

I encourage you to expedite regulatory changes so Alberta can become a world-leader in autonomous vehicle technology.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Clark', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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