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Dear Mr. Siller:

Thank you for your November 26, 2003 letter regarding funding concerns for accessible transportation services and the survey you recently completed.

Further to my August 11, 2003 letter, Alberta Transportation is in the process of finalizing the discussion paper regarding the issue of urban and rural accessible transportation following input received by the Alberta Advisory Committee on Barrier-Free Transportation as well as from yourself as the Interim Chairman for the Rural/Urban Transportation Issues (RUTI Group).

In addition, the review of the specialized transit component of the Unconditional Municipal Grant Program (UMGP) undertaken by both Alberta Transportation and Alberta Municipal Affairs is nearing completion and a copy of the final report will be circulated to the Advisory Committee, and other interested parties, including the Rocky View Regional Handibus Society.

I would like to thank you for providing me with a copy of the survey you recently completed. It has some interesting findings and will be considered in future accessible transportation work by the Government of Alberta, along with the UMGP report and the Advisory Committee's urban/rural accessible transportation discussion paper.

Thank you again for writing and sharing your concerns on this important community issue.

Yours truly,

Ed Stelmach  
Minister

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