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SENT VIA EMAIL

Dear Sir,

This is further to our previous correspondence regarding the Highway 95 turnoff at Buckman Road and the general condition of Buckman Road itself..I would like to take this opportunity to express appreciation for the timely work the Ministry undertook in completing the realignment of the turnoff at Buckman Road and Highway 95 at Fort Steele. This project has served to significantly improve the safety of the 200 plus CP Rail employees who report to work at this location.

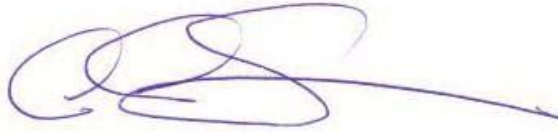
As you may know CP Rail has just completed paving of the road and parking lot at the bottom of Buckman Road. Unfortunately, Buckman Road itself continues to be a source of concern for employees driving up and down the hill to CP's Fort Steele yard. Despite the fact the hill was graded a few weeks ago the wash boarding issue has resumed virtually along the length of the road. This condition presents a considerable safety concern given some of the narrow curves on this road particularly for vehicles with a shorter wheel base which have a tendency to drift laterally on the washboard.

Given the amount of traffic on this roadway it appears simply grading the road is not a sufficient to resolve this ongoing problem. While we respectfully ask that remedial work be done on Buckman Road as soon as possible ultimately we would hope the Ministry could move forward with a more permanent solution to correct this condition. Preferably we would hope the Ministry could obtain funding to pave this road or at a minimum undertake a project to significantly improve the grade and sub-grade condition on this road.

A lot of the employees using this road have approached the Union to inquire about the Ministry's plans to address the conditions on this road. In addition to advancing this letter on their behalf we have also suggested that they contact their respective MLA and copy your Office to encourage a resolution to this safety concern.

Once again thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter. If you feel there would be a benefit to meet and further discuss this matter we would certainly be willing to do so. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Al Singer', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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