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Mr. Alan M. Campbell
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Dear Alan Campbell:

Thank you for your letter dated April 28, 2021 relaying a motion presented by Region 6 of the Manitoba School Boards Association to amend the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) to allow school boards to install photo radar cameras on school buses to promote student safety.

The HTA authorizes approved municipalities and law enforcement agencies, acting on their behalf, to use intersection safety cameras at signalized intersections to capture speed and red light violations, and vehicle-mounted mobile photo enforcement in construction, school and playground zones to capture speeding violations.

In addition, under the HTA, municipalities and other local governments are authorized to establish Reduced Speed School Zones (RSSZ) within their jurisdictions, in partnership with school divisions to ensure student safety within their communities. For more information and guidelines on RSSZ, please visit Manitoba's website via the following hyperlink http://www.gov.mb.ca/mit/traffic/pdf/school_area_guidelines.pdf and https://www.gov.mb.ca/mit/transpolicy/lrs/pdf/guide_reduced_speed_school_zones.pdf.

Currently, the HTA does not authorize the installation of photo radar cameras on school buses. However, please be advised that for the past several years, Manitoba Education has enabled school divisions to equip their school buses with factory installed exterior stop-arm cameras systems, as required to address local road safety concerns.

A process for reporting pass-by violations witnessed by school bus drivers has also been established by Manitoba Education. When a school bus driver is able to obtain accurate and necessary information, a prescribed report is completed and submitted to local law enforcement. Video captured images are included when available.

I have taken this opportunity to copy the Minister of Education, should you require further information regarding this available option for school divisions to install exterior stop-arm camera systems on school buses. I hope you will find this information useful.

Lastly, I note that Manitoba is continuing to work under the auspices of the National Council of Ministers Responsible for Transportation and Highway Safety to assess a variety of other equipment-based facets of improving school bus safety.

Thank you again for your letter and I trust this has addressed your concerns.

Sincerely yours,



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