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Ms. Brenda Knight
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Dear Ms. Knight:

Thank you for your follow-up regarding Agricultural Services Board (ASB) Resolution 7-25 on wildlife carcass disposal. The ASB is a significant stakeholder for Transportation and Economic Corridors, and I appreciate you bringing transportation-related matters important to your members to my attention.

Transportation and Economic Corridors' highway maintenance contracts follow the principles outlined in the Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation Livestock Mortality Management (Disposal) guidance document. By adhering to these principles, the department helps reduce the risk of disease transmission and mitigate predator conflicts during the disposal of animal carcasses. To further reduce risks, Transportation and Economic Corridors does not permit the use of stockpile sites for the disposal of wildlife carcasses.

If there are site-specific concerns, your members are encouraged to contact the department's applicable local district office to discuss it further. While I understand your request for the development of formal guidelines on wildlife carcass disposal, I recommend pursuing this matter with my colleague, the Honourable Rebecca Schulz, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas.

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Regarding the ASB Provincial Committee's Resolution 1-24: Agricultural Equipment Highway Signs, I asked department staff to contact you directly to discuss potential options for addressing the safety of farm equipment on provincial highways. The discussion can also include actions the department could take to increase driver awareness and improve safety for both operators and motorists.

Thank you again for writing. I value the established working relationship between the ASB and Transportation and Economic Corridors. I look forward to continuing our collaboration on transportation matters which are important to your committee.

Sincerely,



Honourable Devin Dreeshen, ECA
Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors

cc: Honourable Rebecca Schultz, ECA
Minister of Environment and Protected Areas