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His Worship Mayor Ward Stamer PO Box 219 4936 Barriere Town Road Barriere BC V0E 1E0

Dear Mayor Stamer:

Thank you for your letter of March 9, 2023, addressed to the Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, regarding inter-provincial traffic violations, and your suggestions as to how out of province drivers could be held accountable. As traffic violations falls within the responsibility of the Ministry of Public Safety and the Solicitor General, your letter was forwarded to RoadSafetyBC for response.

Although British Columbia (BC) was not a member of the initial Canadian Driver Licence Compact (CDLC), in 2016 BC and all other provinces and territories signed the Canadian Driver Licence Agreement (CDLA), which replaces the CDLC and represents a new chapter in driver licensing.

The CDLA seeks to strengthen cooperation among all provinces and territories, to harmonize the issuance of Driver Licences, and to improve highway safety in each jurisdiction. The CDLA builds on the original CDLC, and incorporates additional road safety related conviction information, as well as additional security elements. Under the CDLA, each jurisdiction can import ticket and conviction information for other jurisdictions to access for administrative purposes.

Each province/territory makes their own determination as to whether or not they import ticket and conviction information for other jurisdictions to access and whether or not they download the information for their own drivers. For example, BC only adds Criminal Code convictions from other provinces to a BC driver's record. BC driving convictions are available to other Canadian jurisdictions should they choose to access the driver profile transaction in the Interprovincial Record Exchange.

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You may be interested to know that the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles has the authority to take action on any driver on BC roads, whether the person holds a BC driver's licence or not. However, drivers outside of BC rarely acknowledge their prohibition if one has been levied by the Superintendent. The prohibition would come into effect if the driver were pulled over on a future visit to BC, or if they were to move to BC and attempt to obtain a BC Drivers' licence.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Amy Miller

Assistant Deputy Minister and Superintendent of Motor Vehicles

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