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Mrs. Jeannette Holman-Price  
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Dear Mrs. Holman-Price:

Thank you for your e-mail of February 7, 2006 and enclosures.

First of all I would like to pass on my sincere sympathies to you and your family on the tragic loss of your daughter, Jessica. Also, I hope that your son, Peter-Luc recovers from the serious injuries he received in the same accident.

As I understand your e-mail to me, you are suggesting that Newfoundland and Labrador retain the right for individuals injured in automobile accidents to sue the at-fault party for damages, and not institute a no-fault system like the one in place in Quebec. You may be aware that this has been the subject of much debate in this province over the past several years. My government is strongly in favour of retaining the right of persons injured in automobile accidents to sue the at-fault party for damages. We decided in 2004 not to implement a no-fault system of automobile insurance and not to restrict an injured party's right to sue for compensation by placing a cap on such compensation, as some provinces have done. Instead, we have retained the right to sue for damages subject to a deductible of \$2,500 on compensation received, with no cap or upper limit. We managed to do this, while at the same time reducing automobile insurance rates by an average of 20%. We believe this is a fair system and it seems to be well received by the general public.

I think the automobile insurance system my government has put in place is one that you would subscribe to, based on your comments.

Again, my heart goes out to you and your family during this difficult time and I wish you the very best in coping with the situation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Danny Williams".

DANNY WILLIAMS O.C.