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Dear [redacted]

Subject: Usage of Winter Tires on Multi-Functional Activity Vehicles

Thank you for your letter dated December 1, 2009 regarding your concerns with all-wheel winter tire usage on your Multi-Function Activity Vehicles (MFAV's) operating as mini buses for transporting students to and from extra-curricular activities.

Firstly, with reference to your comments regarding the communications that Transport Canada officials have had with N.B. Government as well as with private citizens from your province, I would like to reassure you that Transport Canada Road Safety Directorate's personnel respond to enquiries from thousands of callers and writers each year. It is part of our service to the public and other governments to do so. Quite often, these parties do not necessarily identify themselves or provide the context of their enquiries. In the case of the N.B. MFAV issue, Transport Canada officials were simply providing information on the departmental position regarding the usage of winter tires in a transparent manner and in the spirit of service to the public. That said, Transport Canada will continue to recognize and respect the provinces' jurisdiction in all matters involving driver and vehicle licensing as well as vehicle usage laws and their enforcement. This naturally encompasses N.B.'s policies regarding the requirements for tires on vehicles that operate on your roadways.

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