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**Clerk of Committees**  
249 Legislative Building  
Winnipeg MB R3C 0V8

**RE: Bill 8 – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act**

The AMM would like to take this opportunity to offer support for Bill 8 – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act. Municipalities feel strongly that greater safety precautions must be put in place to protect emergency service providers.

While Bill 8 expands the list of vehicles that drivers have to take precaution when approaching, legislative changes alone are not enough. Right now far too many drivers fail to slow down when passing emergency service providers at accident scenes. Bill 8 is certainly a positive step, however its impact may be minimal without increased public awareness of the legal requirement for drivers to take precautions when passing emergency vehicles. Therefore the AMM would like to see an education campaign accompany the changes to Bill 8 so that all drivers in Manitoba are made aware of the need to slow down and protect emergency service providers.

The AMM is fully supportive of Bill 8 and is hopeful that the changes proposed along with increased education will have positive results for Manitoba.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Dobrowolski". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Doug Dobrowolski  
President