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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM), which represents Manitoba's 137 municipalities, I am writing to provide some comments regarding Bill 20: *The Vehicle Technology Testing Act*.

Based on discussions with Manitoba Infrastructure (MI) officials, the AMM understands the provincial government will ultimately authorize test permits for testing vehicle technology on public roadways. If a proposal comes forward to test vehicle technology on municipal roads, the AMM also understands that the Province will seek consent from the respective municipality as well as provide technical support and assistance to local Councils and administration so they can make informed decisions regarding vehicle testing proposals. The AMM welcomes and appreciates this commitment given the extensive federal requirements and safety standards necessary for vehicle testing.

In addition, applicants must have adequate Third Party Liability insurance and indemnify the Government of Manitoba, including Manitoba Infrastructure, against any legal action or other liabilities by signing a standard indemnity agreement. Similar requirements should be extended to include municipalities if testing will be conducted on municipal roads for consistency purposes. The AMM also encourages the Province of Manitoba to clarify the processes related to enforcement and compliance with test permits. Since the Province will be issuing test permits, it is essential that the Province retain responsibility for ensuring vehicle testing is conducted in accordance with the regulations or conditions of the permits.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these brief comments.

Sincerely,

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cc: Minister Schuler, Manitoba Infrastructure

