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Hon. Ron McKinley,
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Mr. McKinley,

It appears that you have forgotten what you said to me when I met with you a few years back when our daughter was still alive. I would like to take this time to enlighten you on your words at the time. Please keep in mind that you sat as opposition at the time. Your comment was "Those (*expletive deleted*) could fix that road for you."

We are not talking about a road that physically-well people live on; we are talking about people who have a disability. You then called your investigator to get the address of a private lane-way that was longer than our road and that lane-way was ditched and topped. I did go look at this lane and saw for myself what you already knew and, by-the-way, one of my relatives was one of the crew that did that lane so I too know about this lane.

The section of this road, "Buell Road" is a 66 foot, "public road" as I was told by the mapping department. I was also told that any property on Prince Edward Island that did not have a property number was owned by the province i.e.: public.

The section of the Buell road in question has no route number but is deemed to be a public road as we have a civic address 437.

All I have ever asked for was a ditch to be put on one side of the road, (south side) and the road to be built up to a level that would alleviate any problem during Spring run-off from the fields that would not wash out the road. This may also mean a culvert for drain-off under the roadbed.

Because of the deterioration of the roadway, it was and is necessary in the Spring to walk across an rough open field of over 100 meters to reach our home. Emergency services are not available at this time of the year because of this condition; yet we pay taxes for such emergency services.

Our daughter had suffered heart-failure three times in the middle of the field because we had to and still have to walk to get home. This put so much stress on her heart that it did not help matters at all. You know this Honorable Sir. You where given all this information some years ago as well as all the other politicians at the time. We are talking about voters as well as tax-payers that need your help. I am now disabled and have trouble walking as you can see from my doctor's letter. There are others on this road with disabilities but you are probably already aware of this. You are now in the chair where those others sat. You now have the power to do the right thing. The ball is now in your court.

Respectfully submitted,

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