

February 15th, 2019

Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship
Legislative Assembly of Alberta
3rd Floor, 9820-107 Street
Edmonton, AB T5K 1E7

RE: Request for Written Submissions – Bill 211, Alberta Underground Infrastructure Notification System Consultation Act

Dear Standing Committee:

The Alberta Roadbuilders and Heavy Construction Association (ARHCA) represents 950 corporate member companies in road construction and heavy civil construction industries and employs approximately 60,000 workers across Alberta. I am writing on behalf of the ARHCA to show our support for workplace safety related to underground infrastructure.

A system that provides our members timely assurance and confidence for workers to dig safely is our number one priority. The ARHCA commits to participating in future consultation to ensure safe and reliable underground infrastructure across the province.

We strongly recommend reviewing the system of costs and incentives that influence or hinder an efficient service when making recommendations on the operations of the underground infrastructure notification system.

Contractors bear all the liability and responsibility for worker safety while meeting strict contract terms demanded by road infrastructure owners. We look forward to describing the practical realities of a system that puts contractors in no-win situations.

We want to thank the Standing Committee on Resources Stewardship for the opportunity to provide a written submission on Bill 211, *Alberta Underground Infrastructure Notifications System Consultation Act*. We look forward to further discussion and are available to answer questions from the Committee.

Sincerely,



Ron Glen
Chief Executive Officer
Alberta Roadbuilders and Heavy Construction Association