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Hon. Kevin Falcon  
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Room 306  
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Malcolm Brodie  
Chair, Translink  
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Dear Minister Falcon and Chair Brodie:

I write to express my concern about the apparent lack of basic maintenance of the Pattullo Bridge.

I drove over the Pattullo Bridge last night at 7:10 pm and personally counted 13 burnt-out street lights on the bridge. I stress that I was counting only those street lights on the bridge itself and not on the approaches on either side.

The resulting darkness only worsens the hazards of the Pattullo Bridge. Tens of thousands of people cross the bridge everyday and are entitled to do so in safety.

Please explain why it appears that basic maintenance on this bridge, with its well recognized dangers to commuters, is being ignored.

Please tell me what steps you and your respective departments will take to make the Pattullo Bridge safer.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Bruce Ralston  
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