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Ms. Katie Robinette
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Dear Ms. Robinette:

I am following up on my correspondence to you dated July 7, 2020, in which I advised of the Ministry of the Attorney General's intention to continue the suspension of limitation and procedural time periods under O. Reg. 73/20 until September 11, 2020, which was the latest date permitted under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*. As the province gradually reopens, I wish to inform you that we have decided now to lift the suspension.

As September 11, 2020 falls on a Friday and limitation and procedural time periods were suspended on a Monday (March 16, 2020), we have decided that, to avoid any unnecessary confusion, suspended limitation and procedural time periods will resume running on Monday, September 14, 2020. Limitation and procedural time periods that were suspended starting Monday, March 16, 2020 and that will resume running on Monday, September 14, 2020 will have been suspended for 26 weeks.

As we have done throughout the COVID-19 emergency and recovery, our government will continue to respond with decisive and transparent action to keep Ontarians safe while supporting access to justice. In making this decision, we were mindful of concerns we received in June from the judiciary and legal organizations, which included the need for predictability and notice to the profession and the public in regard to the ending of the suspension.

I have no doubt that the demands on the justice system will continue to evolve as we work together to address these unprecedented challenges. As Ontario reopens safely and gradually, we will continue communicating with you and act on the guidance of public health experts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug Downey".

Doug Downey
Attorney General