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Attention: John Carpay, President

Dear Mr. Carpay:

Re:

COVID-19

Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

I am writing in reply to your letter to the Premier dated April 14th, 2020 regarding your concerns with the Government of Saskatchewan's response to COVID-19.

Your letter deals primarily with the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. As lawyers for the Government of Saskatchewan who advise on constitutional matters, we are quite familiar with the *Charter*. That, and all applicable laws, are carefully considered in all of the advice we provide. More particularly in relation to the *Charter*, we are aware of the *Charter's* requirements and can tell you that we respect those whether giving advice, drafting legislation, or preparing agreements. We do this at all times, including now as we face the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

We thank you for your letter and hope that this explains our position.

Yours sincerely,

Linda Zarzeczny, Q.C.

Assistant Deputy Attorney General

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