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Mr. Carpay:

Thank you for your letter to the Premier dated April 14, 2020 respecting the *Nova Scotia Emergency Management Act* and Covid-19. Please accept my response on behalf of the Premier.

Nova Scotia, like jurisdictions all across the country and around the world is responding to the unprecedented challenges associated with Covid-19. On March 22, 2020 the Minister responsible for the *Emergency Management Act* issued a provincial state of emergency. The event of the COVID-19 virus in the Province, which had already caused a pandemic, required the prompt coordinated action and regulation for the protection of property and the health and safety of persons in Nova Scotia. The declaration of a state of emergency has been renewed and continues in effect.

The government of Nova Scotia is continuing to take active steps to limit the impact of Covid-19 virus in Nova Scotia. Our Premier and Chief Medical Officer have provided regular updates and public information is available respecting all actions taken by the Province. We encourage you to view the available information on the government's Covid-19 website at <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/>

Thank you for taking the time to raise your concerns.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Michelle Higgins". The signature is fluid and cursive.

M. Michelle Higgins
MMH/vm