

May 1, 2020

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Dear Mr. Carpay:

Thank you for your letter of April 14, 2020 to the Honourable Premier Ball. The Premier has asked me to respond to you.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had, and continues to have, a devastating impact around the world. The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, like governments across Canada and around the world, have been faced with the challenge of adopting appropriate measures, on the best available evidence, to respond to this pandemic.

As you note, the measures taken by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador have been for the purpose of saving lives and reducing the impacts of a serious threat to the health of the population. The actions taken by the Province have been assessed to balance these pressing public health concerns with their impacts on the *Charter* rights of individuals.

I thank you for raising these important issues.

Sincerely,



ANDREW PARSONS, QC
Minister of Justice and Public Safety
Attorney General

cc: Premier's Office