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Ms. Mary Ann B. Passi
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Dear Ms. Passi:

Thank you for your letter about funding for the corporate housing in the hospitality industry in light of the COVID-19 outbreak. I appreciate the time you took to write and welcome the opportunity to respond.

Since our government first learned of COVID-19, we have been diligently monitoring and taking decisive action to contain its spread. The health and well-being of all Ontarians remains our government's top priority.

Supporting the next phases of Ontario's Action Plan, our Ontario Jobs and Recovery Committee is consulting with sectors across the province to assess the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on Ontario's economy and to develop a plan to move forward.

To take part in the consultation and share your ideas, please go to ontario.ca/form/survey-economic-impacts-covid-19 or email submissions@ontario.ca. Your input will help our committee make decisions about reopening the province's economy. The consultation is open until August 31, 2020.

The Province is also permitting hotels, motels, lodges, cabins, cottage, resorts and other short-term rental businesses to open. The operations of all these facilities must comply with all other applicable requirements.

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Short-term rentals including cabins, cottages, homes, hunting and fishing camps, resorts, houseboats, condominiums and B&Bs may resume in Ontario. Prior to this change, short-term accommodations could be provided only to individuals in need of housing.

Owner/operators should follow occupational health and safety guidelines and general public health advice.

Owner/operators should consult:

- The health and safety guidelines related to the tourism and hospitality sector
- The health and safety guidelines for hotel reception, room service and front-line staff
- The health and safety guidelines for hotel housekeeping and laundry employees
- The advice of local public health officials under s.22 of the Health Protection and Promotion Act when considering how they can reopen their doors to guests.

Owners and operators should continue to determine whether they fit into any of the categories, and if they do, make a business decision as to whether to open.

Once again, Ms. Passi, thank you for writing. I am confident that by working together we will overcome the obstacles posed by COVID-19 and emerge stronger for it. I extend my best wishes to you and your loved ones for health and safety during this challenging time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

The Honourable Lisa Thompson
Minister of Government and Consumer Services