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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Ontario Restaurant, Hotel and Motel Association  
Greater Toronto Hotel Association  
Ottawa Gatineau Hotel Association  
Tourism Industry Association of Ontario

**FROM:** Kevin Finnerty  
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**SUBJECT:** Amendments to Short-Term Rental Provision – Non-  
Application to Hotels

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I am writing to clarify that the recent amendments made to the short term rental provision in [O. Reg. 82/20 \(Rules for Areas in Stage 1\)](#) under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020* do not impact hotels (section 6 of Schedule 1).

The short-term rental provision (which provides that short-term rental accommodations, including cabins and cottages, may only be provided to individuals in need of housing), no longer excludes short term rental accommodations that were reserved prior to when O. Reg.82/20 was applied to the area in question. This provision now applies to short-term rental accommodations regardless of when they were booked.

However, please note that this does not apply with respect to hotels, motels, lodges, resorts and other shared rental accommodation, including student residences. Rather, the shared rental accommodation provision of O. Reg. 82/20 remains unchanged, and still provides that hotels, motels, lodges, resorts and other shared rental accommodation are permitted to open with restrictions related to indoor recreational amenities (section 25 of Schedule 2).

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me or Tony Marzotto.

Sincerely,

*Original signed by*

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