

March 18, 2020

Hon. Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

**RE: Extending deadline for submissions**

Dear Premier Ford,

Thank you for your continued leadership to support public health efforts related to COVID-19. As the situation continues to evolve, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC) is taking concerns from the business community and communicating them to all levels of government.

I am writing to you to request that the Ontario government extend the deadline for submissions on any proposed regulations open for comments and yet to be in effect. Many of our partners and members are overwhelmed with business continuity planning and / or supporting public health efforts related to COVID-19.

It would be extremely valuable if your government put a hold on all pending non-urgent regulatory proposals. As you will note the Government of Canada has [announced](#) they will not publish anything non-urgent until further notice.

Public health and safety are priorities for us all. We will continue to monitor and assess new developments pertaining to COVID-19 closely and work with our members, partners and all levels of government to provide support to Ontario business.

Sincerely,



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