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To: Owners/Operators of Personal Service Settings in the City of Toronto

Re: Ontario Regulation 136/18 - Personal Service Settings

I am writing this letter to inform you that the Province of Ontario recently introduced a new regulation under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* ("HPPA"), O. Regulation 136/18, Personal Service Settings (the "Regulation"). The Regulation came in to effect on July 1, 2018.

The Regulation applies to all premises in Ontario that offer personal services and at which there is a risk of exposure to blood or body fluids. This includes premises that provide hairdressing/barbering, tattooing, micropigmentation/microblading, body piercing, electrolysis, nail services, and other aesthetic services.

The enclosed bulletin, prepared by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, provides content details of the Regulation.

As you own or operate a personal service setting ("PSS") in the City of Toronto, you must comply with the Regulation. Failure to do so may result in legal action such as prosecution and/or fines.

Please note that if your PSS was in operation prior to July 1, 2018, you have until July 1, 2019 to comply with some of the requirements in the Regulation, such as the requirements related to handwashing sinks and reusable equipment sinks. If you own or operate a PSS opening after July 1, 2018, the requirements in the Regulation now apply.

If you require further information about the Regulation please contact Toronto Public Health at 416-338-7600 or e-mail your inquiries to BodySafe@toronto.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Alterman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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