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Participants of Access to Justice Week
c/o Ms. Teresa Donnelly
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Dear Participants of Access to Justice Week:

I am pleased to offer my support for Ontario's fifth annual Access to Justice Week (A2J Week), funded by the Law Foundation of Ontario and the Law Society of Ontario.

Our government has demonstrated its commitment to building a more accessible, responsive and resilient justice system for Ontarians.

Throughout the course of COVID-19 emergency and response, we have worked with our partners, including the Law Society of Ontario, to move Ontario's justice system forward by decades in a matter of months through initiatives that have maintained and expanded access to justice. This includes supporting innovative ways of conducting court proceedings remotely and in-person as well as moving more services online to reduce the number of in-person visits to the courthouse.

We have made it clear we will not move backward and we are putting an end to the days of watching Ontario's justice fall behind.

Your participation in Access to Justice Week represents a contribution to our collective efforts to make our justice system and our justice services more accessible for all.

I commend your efforts as leaders, partners and advocates for your commitment and dedication to advance access to justice.

I wish you a successful and productive A2J Week.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug Downey".

Doug Downey
Attorney General