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Mr. Tom Klosson
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Dear Mr. Klosson:

We are writing to advise you and your organization that on July 27, 2009, Bill 115, *An Act to Amend the Coroners Act, 2009*, received proclamation almost in its entirety. All sections, with the exception of section 8 have been proclaimed into law. Section 8 will be proclaimed later on a date to be announced. In addition, three regulations supporting the legislation are still under development. The *Act* is available on e-laws for your perusal at:

<http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/index.html>

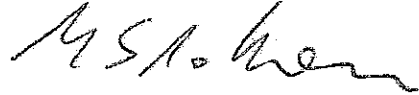
This legislation is the result of recommendations made in response to the Inquiry into Pediatric Forensic Pathology, which was held from November 2007 until February 2008. It satisfies a number of the 169 recommendations made by the Honourable Stephen T. Goudge in an effort to restore public confidence in Ontario's pediatric forensic pathology system. Contained within it are a number of changes to how death investigations and forensic pathology services will be conducted in Ontario but of particular significance is the codification of the Chief Forensic Pathologist as well as the Ontario Forensic Pathology Service as its own distinct entity. In addition, there are changes to the coroner's inquest process whereby natural deaths in custody are no longer subject to mandatory inquests but deaths involving restraints in psychiatric facilities do.

Proclamation of Bill 115 is the first step in creating the foundation for a death investigation system that is, and will continue to be dedicated to quality and oversight. We trust that some, if not all of the amendments contained in the Act will be of interest to you and your colleagues.

Yours truly,



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