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The Honourable Raj Chouhan  
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Dear Mr. Speaker:

Please find below a report regarding a regulation made on July 9, 2021 under the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act*, SBC 2020, c. 8 (CRMA). This report is presented pursuant to subsection 4 (2) of the CRMA.

Subsection 4 (4) of the CRMA requires that this report be laid before the Legislative Assembly as soon as possible.

This regulation extends the effect of Item 11 in Schedule 2 of the CRMA. Ministerial Order M121/2020 was originally made under the *Emergency Program Act*. The order enabled the Supreme Court of British Columbia to provide access to justice by conducting some hearings remotely, despite provisions in the Supreme Court Civil Rules and Family Rules that otherwise required in-person hearings.

Order M121/2020 was subsequently enacted as Item 11 in Schedule 2 of the CRMA, and initially set for repeal 45 days after the cancellation or expiry of the last extension of the declaration of a state of emergency made under the *Emergency Program Act* on March 18, 2020. This period was extended by the attached regulation under the CRMA, which delays the repeal of Item 11 in Schedule 2 of CRMA until December 31, 2021.

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Members may direct any questions to me in respect of this report and the effects of the attached regulation.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Eby', written in a cursive style.

David Eby, QC  
Attorney General and  
Minister Responsible for Housing

Attachment: BC Regulation 182/2021