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Hon. Carla Qualtrough
Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion
House of Commons

RE: Avis Car Rentals Work -Sharing Application Delay

Hon. Carla Qualtrough,

I am writing on behalf of Avis Car Rentals at Vancouver International Airport and Victoria International Airport to bring to your attention their delayed work-sharing application.

As the of COVID-19 has made a devastating impact on the travel industry and car rental companies. Avis Car Rentals made their applications for WorkShare on March 26th. The application was not approved to take effect until April 26th. The end result was that Avis employees worked four weeks of reduced hours without coinciding WorkShare payments.

While researching the information on Work-Sharing, I have noticed the discrepancy on the application timeline on the website and the mobile app search. On the website, it states that:

Completed applications (including the recovery plan and Attachment A) must be submitted a minimum of 30 days prior to the requested start date. All agreements start on a Sunday.

<<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/work-sharing/application.html>>

While the mobile app search of Work-Sharing says:

Employers are requested to submit their completed applications and Attachment A form (EMP5101) must be submitted a minimum of 10 business days prior to the requested start date. (see attached screenshots)

Due to the discrepancy of information on the Work-Sharing website and mobile app, I am requesting your Ministry to reinstate their start date of WorkShare program for Avis Car Rentals from April 26th to April 10th (10 business days after the application date March 26th).

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions about their application. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Peter Julian MP
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