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Ms. Grace Joubarne and Ms. Christine Massey  
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Dear Ms. Joubarne and Ms. Massey:

Premier Kathleen Wynne has forwarded your letter of February 13, 2016, regarding the controlled act of psychotherapy. I appreciate the opportunity to respond and apologize for the delay.

As you are aware on April 1, 2015, certain provisions of the *Psychotherapy Act, 2007*, were proclaimed into force, establishing the College of Registered Psychotherapists and Registered Mental Health Therapists of Ontario (CRPRMHTO) which provide it with the legislative authority to regulate the profession of psychotherapy under that Act and the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*.

At this time, the statutory amendments relating to the controlled act of psychotherapy have not been proclaimed into force. As a result, this activity currently remains in the public domain and those individuals who are providing psychotherapy services may still provide these services.

It may also interest you to know that my ministry has requested that the CRPRMHTO work collaboratively with the regulatory bodies for medicine, nursing, occupational therapy, psychology, and social work to define the controlled act and to put in place the necessary rigour to ensure that it is transparent to their members, potential applicants and the public as to what constitutes the performance of the controlled act. When my ministry is satisfied that the work has been completed, it will be in a position to recommend the proclamation of the amendments.

I would encourage you to continue your dialogue with the CRPRMHTO regarding the progress of bringing clarity to the controlled act and how the controlled act may or may not affect the delivery of mental health services by unregulated practitioners, depending on what services are being delivered.

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Ms. Grace Joubarne and Ms. Christine Massey

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Thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Hoskins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dr. Eric Hoskins  
Minister

c: The Hon. Kathleen Wynne, Premier