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Dear Party Leaders,

As of 12:01 am, Monday, 1 March 2021, Alert Level Red measures with modifications were announced by the Chief Public Health Office and are in effect in PEI for the next 72 hours, until 12:01 am Thursday, 4 March, 2021. These measures are being taken to break the chain of transmission of COVID-19 and get a clearer understanding of the public health situation. In response to this, the Premier convened a call including, the Speaker, the Leader of the Official Opposition and the Leader of the Third Party to discuss the current sitting of the Legislative Assembly this afternoon. As per this conversation today, I am writing to record the decision that was reached.

All three leaders agree that it is not prudent for the Legislative Assembly to meet on Tuesday, March 2 and Wednesday, March 3 given the unknown COVID risk over the next 72 hours, even to move a motion to adjourn. Accordingly, all three Party Leaders have agreements that their respective caucus members will not attend the proceedings of the House on these days.

As indicated on the call, this is not a decision taken by the House to adjourn. The Speaker and the Clerk will be present in the Chamber at the times mentioned above in order to record that the House was unable to meet due to lack of quorum given the current pandemic. A statement indicating as much will be entered in the Journal of the Legislative Assembly for those dates.

During this uncertain time, this agreement ensures the safety of all Members of the Legislative Assembly, support staff and media during the current outbreak of COVID-19 in the province, while also maintaining the privilege of members to attend the proceedings of the House.

Your signature below indicates your acceptance of this agreement.

Sincerely,

Hon. Colin LaVie
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Hon. Dennis King
Premier
Hon. Peter Bevan-Baker
Leader of the Official Opposition
Mr. Sonny Gallant
Leader of the Third Party