STATE OF FLORIDA OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FLORIDA NEW MOTOR VEHICLE ARBITRATION BOARD

IN RE: SUSPENSION OF STATUTES,
RULES AND ORDERS PURSUANT
TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-52, MADE
NECESSARY BY THE COVID-19
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY –
CANCELLATION OF EMERGENCY
STAY OF ALL LEMON LAW TIME
FRAMES.

BOARD EMERGENCY ORDER 20-006

WHEREAS on March 9, 2020, the Governor of the State of Florida issued a declaration of public health emergency in response to the emergence of the COVID-19 virus, a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission; and

WHEREAS at that time, businesses of all types and sizes began to either close or limit customer service for the protection of their employees and customers, and government restrictions were put into place to limit the potential for transmission of COVID-19 via person-to-person contact; and

WHEREAS as a consequence the ability of consumers and manufacturers to meet statutory time frames relating to the Florida Lemon Law, established in Chapter 681, Florida Statutes, was adversely impacted; and

WHEREAS on March 20, 2020, Board Emergency Order 20-002 was issued to stay, suspend and toll all time frames established by Chapter 681, Florida Statutes, and the rules promulgated thereunder, in order to protect the substantive and procedural

rights and obligations of parties involved in, or preparing to be involved in, Lemon Law proceedings; and

WHEREAS since the initial closures in the Spring and Summer of 2020, businesses have begun to reopen, safety guidelines to help protect Floridians in their day-to-day activities have been distributed, and government restrictions relating to reducing interpersonal contact have been eased;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing:

- 1. As of November 11, 2020, the suspension of the time frames established by Chapter 681, Florida Statutes, will cease. All time frames previously suspended will resume running on November 11, 2020.
- Anyone with questions concerning either this ORDER or the status of a particular case before the Board should contact the Office of the Attorney General, Lemon Law Arbitration Program at 850-414-3500.

DONE AND ORDERED this 27th day of October, 2020 FLORIDA NEW MOTOR VEHICLE ARBITRATION BOARD