



March 20, 2020

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
The Speaker
1236 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC

Dear Leaders McConnell and Pelosi:

I am writing today on behalf of the National Demolition Association (NDA) to respectfully urge Congress to consider the demolition industry as you work on legislation to address the COVID-19 pandemic. NDA represents over 500 U.S. and Canadian companies that offer standard demolition services as well as a full range of demolition and remediation-related services and products. NDA also increases public awareness of the economic and societal benefits of demolition.

Specifically, NDA member companies are essential businesses to the U.S. economy and the construction sector. In addition, many NDA member companies will respond to infrastructure-related issues with COVID-19 and are vital to the health and safety of all Americans, including decontamination of affected areas, remediation of environmental hazards or contaminated property to ensure vital services, including hospitals and emergency services remain open.

To this effect, NDA is supporting several measures in the Phase 3 package that we feel will support the ongoing efforts to contain the pandemic and support the domestic economy over the coming weeks and months, and we have additional recommendations as well:

- A significant payroll tax relief/holiday;
- Defining demolition work, including remediation work, as “essential” business;
- Ramped-up lending programs with delayed pay-back and low/no interest;
- Tax credits (refundable) to small businesses, including pass-throughs;
- Flexibility in paid leave for small employers.

NDA member companies are ready to step up in the fight against COVID-19 and to keep the American economy strong. NDA stands ready to assist Congress as you address legislation to mitigate the economic effects and will pass these recommendations to members of your party. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this issue. Please contact Kevin McKenney at kmckenney@demolitionassociation.com or 202-367-2480 with questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Lambert", written in a cursive style.

Jeff Lambert
Chief Executive Officer

cc:
U.S. Senate
U.S. House