



March 30, 2020

Honorable Larry Hogan, Chair
Honorable Andrew Cuomo, Vice Chair
All U.S. Governors
c/o
National Governors Association
444 N. Capitol St. NW, Ste. 267
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Governors,

I am writing today on behalf of the demolition industry which is absolutely essential to the COVID-19 response and the domestic American economy. As the country continues to stop the spread of COVID-19, we are seeing state and local governments promulgating quarantine orders and mandatory business closures. NDA supports your efforts to enact reasonable requirements to address the pandemic, and we urge you to ensure that demolition contractors, recycling businesses, and other related businesses remain open for business.

Recently, the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) issued version 2.0 of its [*Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce: Ensuring Community and National Resilience in COVID-19 Response*](#). This updated version recognizes construction and its supply chain as essential critical infrastructure. This updated guidance reflects the widespread support for the role of construction in the COVID-19 response and the economy, along with supporting activity. Therefore, we restate our call for you to designate demolition, recycling, remediation, and related businesses as important businesses and "essential". We further emphasize that these designations should protect these businesses from any mandatory shelter in place, stay home, or closure orders.

NDA members have a stellar record of protecting the health and safety of workers from general workplace hazards to COVID-19 exposure. Demolition and related activities are important for both the broad economy, and the COVID-19 response. For example, demolition and remediation services across the U.S., including decontamination of affected areas, remediation of environmental hazards or contaminated property to ensure vital services, including hospitals and emergency services remain open will continue to be needed in the weeks and months ahead. We urge you to include demolition and related activity in any orders regarding critical essential businesses.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter. Please contact me at jlambert@demolitionassociation.com with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Lambert".

Jeff Lambert
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