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The Honorable Larry Hogan
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The Honorable Andrew Cuomo
Governor of New York
Vice Chair, National Governors Association
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Dear Governor Hogan and Governor Cuomo:

Thank you for your steady leadership during this crisis—both as the governors of Maryland and New York and as chair and vice chair of the National Governors Association. Manufacturers are grateful for the thoughtful and methodical approach you have brought to solving the nation's health and economic challenges.

As you know, manufacturers have been on the front lines during this crisis, making personal protective equipment, medical supplies, food and other essential products. For that reason, we have a special responsibility to keep our workplaces safe and healthy; America is depending on us. We also have keen insight into what practices allow facilities to operate responsibly. Manufacturers of all sizes have deployed innovative practices to meet and exceed the guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

The Manufacturing Leadership Council, a division of the National Association of Manufacturers, has collected these operational practices from manufacturers of all sizes and from all regions of the country. They have distilled that information into a carefully prepared guide, "**New Operational Practices to Consider in the Time of COVID-19**," that we are making available to all manufacturers. You can find it online at www.mlcouncil.com/covid-19.

We are asking you, the NGA and your fellow governors to provide this as a resource to manufacturers in your states. The NAM is not a public health authority, but we are able to share the ways that manufacturers are following the guidance of health officials.

Manufacturers are committed to leading our country through this crisis, from the response phase to recovery and American renewal. Above all, though, we place the health and wellbeing of our workers, our families and communities first. We must protect them—to protect America.

Sincerely,



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