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Dear Attorney General Fox, Chief Casstevens, Sheriff Hall and Mr. Rinchich:

During this time of crisis, manufacturers in America continue operating while doing everything possible to ensure the health and safety of more than 12.8 million employees, their families and their communities. The country is depending on the many products we make—from equipment and vehicles needed for our nation's first responders to items that may not seem critical but are very much part of the supply chain necessary for both comfort and survival during these uncertain times. Our nation is counting on you to ensure we can continue operating safely and efficiently.

Manufacturers have called on state and local governments to take a uniform approach that allows “essential business” and “critical infrastructure” to operate while stay-in-place orders are issued. Many governors and local leaders have done this by incorporating by reference the guidance from the Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency on the identification of essential critical infrastructure workers in their orders. This direct adoption of the federal guidance is vital for continuity of operations and allows businesses and workers to focus on serving their communities and the nation during these unprecedented times. We thank the leaders who have taken this collaborative and balanced approach and urge others to follow this strategic model.

We have also urged our nation's governors to follow a uniform model of documentation to help local leaders and law enforcement officials recognize those essential and critical businesses and their employees. States that opt to incorporate a uniform model rather than craft their own benefit from the clarity such an approach offers and free up resources to focus on other emergency response efforts.

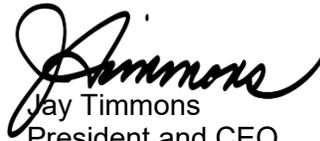
The lack of clarity around what constitutes “critical” and “essential” in such designations, and the lack of uniformity in guidance and documentation to ensure that “critical” or “essential” employees may travel to work, is hampering efforts to respond to this crisis. Fear of running afoul of state and local restrictions has a chilling effect on companies carrying out these essential operations. To resolve this uncertainty, we urge you to follow a uniform model and provide guidance and educational tools to state and local law enforcement, employers and

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employees. We encourage you to work with CISA and others to develop guidance that can be broadly adopted across all states and localities. Such guidance would ensure that essential businesses and their employees do not face interruptions or penalties as they work to meet the demands of the current public health emergency.

Prioritizing the ability of our workforce to continue providing critical services is essential to all of our safety, health and security. We appreciate your continued support for these workers and the critical services they are offering to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Timmons".

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CC: Mr. Christopher C. Krebs, Director, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency  
The Honorable Larry Hogan, Chair, National Governors Association  
Dr. George T. Roberts, Jr., MHA, FACHE, President, National Association of County and  
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