

July 24, 2020

The Honorable Larry Hogan  
Chairman  
National Governors Association  
100 State Circle  
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Andrew Cuomo  
Vice Chairman  
National Governors Association  
New York State Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governors Hogan and Cuomo:

As Governors, you have had to take the lead in responding to the coronavirus pandemic. Your leadership is critical now more than ever as we seek to address this ongoing national public health and economic crisis. We know that effective testing and contact tracing strategies must be a top focus as we work together in the months ahead to mitigate the impacts of this pandemic. **We, the undersigned organizations, call on our nation's governors to lead this effort to develop consistent protocols for testing and tracing across our 50 states to save lives and reopen our economy.** Partnering with safety, public health, health care and industry leaders, we can create a commonsense approach that uniformly implements known best-practices.

With up to 80% of people who are infected with COVID-19 being asymptomatic or having mild symptoms, knowledge that people are infected is key. State leadership is needed to expand testing systems, collect community results and data in a manner that maximizes safety and health, and organize contact tracing crews. Working directly with employers will drastically increase the speed and efficiency of these efforts.

**Additionally, your leadership is needed to establish clear and consistent guidance that aligns with public health recommendations on wearing facial coverings, not only in business settings but also in all public settings.** Facial coverings are shown to limit exposure to the coronavirus from asymptomatic people.

Without this leadership, we risk continuing the increase of infections and furthering economic shutdowns. Keeping workers healthy and safe is key to achieving a sustainable and lasting economic recovery across the country. We welcome the opportunity to partner with you to support our workers and the health and safety of all Americans.

Sincerely,

Agricultural Retailers Association  
Allied Research Technologies  
American Association on Health and Disability  
American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine  
American Public Gas Association  
American Scaffold, Inc.  
AMP United  
Arizona Chapter National Safety Council  
Association of Energy Service Companies  
Auxiliary Systems, Inc.  
Chesapeake Marine Refrigeration  
Council for Dredging and Marine Construction Safety  
Day and Zimmermann, ECM  
Dredging Contractors of America  
DW Boyd Corporation  
East Coast Repair & Fabrication

EM Ship Repair LLC  
Florida Chamber Safety Council  
G I INDUSTRIAL-MARINE LLC  
Hampton Rubber Co.  
Infectious Diseases Society of America  
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers  
International Safety Equipment Association  
International Window Cleaning Association  
Iowa-Illinois Safety Council  
Knauf Insulation  
LAA Consulting  
Lakeshore Foundation  
MHI Ship Repair, Norfolk, VA  
Minnesota Safety Council  
National Safety Council  
National Safety Council - Nebraska Chapter  
National Safety Council Ark-La-Tex Chapter  
National Safety Council of Northern New England  
National Safety Council Ohio Chapter  
North Dakota Safety Council  
Northeastern NY Safety & Health Council  
Nutrien  
Oklahoma Safety Council  
Safety and Health Council of North Carolina  
Safety Council of Western New England  
South Dakota Safety Council  
Southeastern Chapter National Safety Council  
Técnico Corporation  
Tennessee Safety & Health Council  
Tree Care Industry Association  
UL  
Utah Safety Council  
Wyoming Montana Safety Council