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To Whom It May Concern:

During this time of crisis, manufacturers in America continue operating while doing everything possible to assure the health and safety of more than 12.8 million employees, their families and their communities. The country is depending on items seemingly not critical but very much a part of the supply chain necessary for both comfort and survival during these uncertain times.

The boiler industry is critical to the infrastructure of this country and necessary to the health and well-being of our citizens. Boilers create steam and hot water. Without a boiler, a hospital would not be able to operate, a food processing facility would grind to a halt, as would many other critical manufacturing operations. Our manufacturers and technicians need to be available to address supply chain issues and ensure that critical infrastructure continues during these challenging times.

Therefore, I am requesting your support for designating, in our states and localities, the boiler industry and all manufacturing facilities, supply chains and their employees as "essential infrastructure" and "essential businesses" to assure clear, consistent and more uniformly aligned guidance to businesses as our nation responds to the COVID-19 pandemic. There have been many well-intentioned actions to shutter all businesses in certain localities, and the result has unfortunately adversely impacted operations for the supply chain.

It is imperative that states, counties and cities apply similar standards and provide guidance on these orders to clarify "essential infrastructure" and "essential business" so our industry can continue to provide lifesaving goods and services. Without clear and consistent guidance, there is the potential for devastating consequences that could impact public health, safety and the very livelihoods of the men and women who are proud to work as manufacturers.

To help maintain consistency and effectiveness of state and local declarations and orders, we urge states, counties, cities and other jurisdictions to expeditiously develop model language to define certain essential businesses.

ABMA is partnering with the National Association of Manufacturers and we are ready and willing to work together to support this effort and appreciate your urgent attention in order to keep our companies open and operating safely during this national crisis.

Best Regards,

Scott Lynch
President & CEO