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March 20, 2020

The Honorable Greg Abbott

Governor of Texas

State Capitol

P.O. Box 12428

Austin, TX 78711

RE: Texas' Building Materials, Home Improvement and Hardware Retailers and COVID-19

Dear Governor Abbott:

We are grateful for your leadership and the dedication of your team as you guide our state's response to COVID-19. The Lumbermen's Association of Texas (LAT) and our entire membership are here to support you and our fellow Texans.

As you consider further actions to combat this virus, we want to share how we have modified our operations with the health and safety of our teams and customers at the forefront and why it is essential for Texans that we be able to serve them and be included in any "essential" business declaration.

Our members have implemented the guidance from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to prevent worker and customer exposure to COVID-19. We are working to reduce the number of customers who enter our operations, maximizing telecommuting, relying on phone and online orders with curbside delivery at our retail operations and have updated jobsite delivery protocols greatly minimizing contact on-site, cancelled supplier appointments, and cancelled or postponed all sales meetings.

LAT believes that it is important that building material, home improvement and hardware stores are among those retail operations classified as "essential" and allow these business owners, and our vendors, to stay open.

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The building materials industry supplies the products and support needed to maintain homes, including safety and security, businesses and construction projects. Since 1886, our businesses have played a critical role in our communities during times of emergencies. Especially in rural and smaller communities, we are often one of the only retailers for cleaning supplies, generators, batteries, farm equipment and other critical supplies.

During this time of uncertainty and confusion, the building materials industry is a trusted and reliable partner that must be allowed to operate. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mireya Zapata'.

Mireya Zapata
Executive Vice President, LAT