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From the HR Houston Executive Director
Open Letter Re: Cancellation of the 2020 Gulf Coast Symposium on HR Issues

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After weeks of careful monitoring of the ongoing spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the Board of Directors of HR Houston has voted unanimously to cancel the 2020 Gulf Coast Symposium on HR Issues, scheduled to be held May 13-15 at NRG Center in Houston, Texas.

“We are extremely disappointed to have to make this decision,” said Barbara Lane, Executive Director, “but the latest guidance from public officials makes it clear that the most responsible decision is to put the safety of our guests first, and cancel the event. We want to thank our registered attendees, sponsors, exhibitors, speakers, committee members and show partners for their commitment and support during these challenging weeks.”

Barbara further said “HR Houston is dedicated to connecting HR Professionals and the HR Community to knowledge, relationships and solutions. We honor these relationships greatly. Therefore, we will be issuing full refunds to all that registered to attend, sponsor and/or exhibit at the 2020 Gulf Coast Symposium on HR Issues.”

The office of HR Houston is closed due to Harris County’s “stay home, work safe” order, however our staff is working remotely. Under these circumstances, please allow 15 business days to complete all refunds. Refunds will be issued in the same manner in which they were received.

HR Houston is working on some alternatives for your educational needs and will be updating you as more information becomes available.

Thank you for your support during this time. The number of emails, texts and phone messages received by our staff has been overwhelming, and it is encouraging that the majority of those are in support of the decision. We do need your continued support and are very appreciative of your patience as we begin our work towards the 2021 Show. We’ll be back in touch with additional updates.

Sincerely,

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