The undersigned associations and businesses represent the builders, trades, manufacturers and distributors that make up the residential and commercial construction industry in your states. As you come together to develop a plan for a coordinated reopening of your states’ economies, we ask that the construction industry and the supply chain that directly support it be identified in your plan as a business activity that is essential and can operate safely in accordance with the appropriate government guidelines and required COVID-19 mitigation protocols. Such a determination is warranted for the following reasons:

**The construction industry has well established safety protocols that will keep workers safe.** Worker safety and jobsite best practice is a priority focus throughout the industry. The trade associations representing the construction trades have extensive training and education programs available that are frequently the product of coordination with the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (“OSHA”). Individual builders and companies make worker safety their first focus.

**Construction activities can be conducted while maintaining social distancing.** The majority of construction sites can comply with social distancing guidelines by restricting access to the public and non-essential personnel. The number of essential workers on jobsites can be controlled by restricting the number of trades present at one time or staggering shift changes and other schedules. These measures keep carpenters, drywall hangers, painters, plumbers, roofers, insulators, HVAC installers and others both employed and safe.

**The construction industry is committed to additional worker training.** In response to the COVID-19 health crisis, the Construction Industry Safety Coalition developed a detailed plan to outline the steps that every employer and employee can take to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19. Additional examples of this type of industry stewardship can be found in the residential and commercial sectors. The construction industry will continue to innovate how it
operates so that it can protect workers and the public while continuing to build homes and structures safely.

**Construction and construction-related manufacturing is recognized as essential in guidance issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.** The Department of Homeland Security’s Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency has issued guidance on those workers who are essential to continued critical infrastructure viability. Construction and its supply chain are included in that guidance, which has been adopted by the majority of state-issued “stay at home” orders.

**Construction and manufacturing will propel the economic recovery.** Housing is currently 14.6 percent of the Gross Domestic Product of the United States and is a major engine of the economy. Keeping this industry open for business moderates the current economic crisis and provides a foundation for the future recovery. New home construction also addresses the housing affordability crisis. The commercial construction sector is equally integral to the economic recovery in your states and is responsible for the vertical infrastructure that was in dire need of repair and construction pre-crisis. The industry’s worker shortage also offers an opportunity to put your state’s workforces back on their feet.

We greatly appreciate your leadership in steering your states and this country through this great health and economic crisis.

Sincerely,

ABS Southeast (Fairport, NY)  Chemical Council of New Jersey
Accurate Insulation (Dover, DE)  CleanFiber (Buffalo, New York)
Air Conditioning Contractors of America  Coastal Insulation (East Windsor, NJ)
All in One/Moore Insulation (West Boylston, MA)  Concrete Block Insulating Systems (West Brookfield, MA))
American Building Systems (Rochester, NY)  Covestro LLC (Pittsburgh, PA)
American Chemistry Council’s Spray Foam Coalition  Cluss Professional Insulation (Uniointown, PA)
American Coatings Association  Custom Insulation (Worcester, MA)
American Window and Door Manufacturers  Delaware Chemistry Industry Council
Applegate Insulation (Chambersburg, PA)  Delfino Insulation Company (Bohemia, NY)
Aside Building Supply (Old Bethpage, NY)  Dupont Specialty Products USA
Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers Association  Ecologic Energy Solutions (Stamford, CT)
Associated Materials  Eastern Contractor Services (Flanders, NJ)
Atlas Roofing Corporation (Camp Hill, PA)  Energy Smart Home Improvement (Carlisle, PA)
BASF Corporation  EPDM Roofing Association
Beacon  EPS Industry Alliance
Builders Installed Products (Albany, NY)  Evergreen Construction Associates (Dillsburg, PA)
Cambria Glass and Insulation (Johnstown, PA)  Fairway
Cameron Ashley Building Products (Lebanon, PA)  Fox Cluss Glass Company (Uniointown, PA)
Cape Insulation Company (Ocean View, NJ)  GAF Materials Corporation (Parsippany, NJ)
Carlisle Construction Materials (Carlisle, PA)  G. Fedale Roofing and Siding
Cedar Shake and Shingle Bureau (Northport, NY)  Homebuilders and Remodelers Assoc. of Connecticut
Cellulose Insulation Manufacturers Association  IDI of Connecticut (Norwalk, CT)
CertainTeed  IDI of Boston (Foxboro, MA)
IDI of Long Island (Edgewood, NY)  
IDI of Pennsylvania (Bethlehem, PA)  
IKO Productions, Inc.  
Installed Building Products  
Insulate America (Wilmington, DE)  
International Cellulose Corporation  
Insulation Contractors Association of America  
International Institute of Building Enclosure Consultants  
JB Insulation and Drywall (Oakland, NJ)  
Johns Manville  
Kaycan  
K-Bin  
Knauf  
KP Building Products  
KWP Building Products  
Leading Builders of America  
MaGrann Insulation (Voorhees, NJ)  
MAP Installed Building Products (Sagamore Beach, MA)  
Massachusetts Chemical and Technology Alliance  
Metal Construction Association  
MIG Building Systems (East Rochester, NY)  
Morris Black and Son (Allentown, PA)  
National Insulation Association  
National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Assoc.  
National Nail (Syracuse, NY)  
National Roofing Contractors Association  
New York State Builders Association  
NY State Roofers and Sheet Metal Contractors Assoc.  
New York State Chemistry Council  
North American Insulation Manufacturers Association  
Northeastern Retail Lumber Assoc. (Rensselaer, NY)  
North/East Roofing Contractors Assoc. (Braintree, MA)  
Northwind Insulation (Orchard Park, NY)  
O.C. Cluss Lumber Company (Uniontown, PA)  
O’Sullivans Installs (North Billerica, MA)  
Owens Corning  
Pennsylvania Builders Association  
Plumbing Manufacturers International  
Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association  
Reilly Insulation (Willow Grove, PA)  
Rocket Insulation & Coatings (Ronkonkoma, NY)  
Roof Coatings Manufacturers Association  
Royal Building Products  
Shintech  
Single Ply Roofing Industry  
SOPREMA USA, Inc. (Newark, NJ)  
Spray Foam NY (Howard Beach, NY)  
Spray Polyurethane Foam Alliance  
SRS  
Structural Insulated Panel Association  
Tarco Roofing (Greencastle, PA)  
The Roofing Contractors’ Assoc. (Philadelphia, PA)  
Tile Roofing Industry Alliance  
Town Insulation (Sanborn, NY)  
Uniboard  
US GreenFiber (Wilkes Barre, PA)  
US Insulation (West Hartford, CT)  
Vinyl Siding Institute  
Weather Seal Insulation (Pine Brook, NJ)  
Weather Shield (Mechanicsburg, PA)  
Window World  
XPSA  
1st State Insulation (Greenwood, DE)