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URGENT REQUEST FROM THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

South Carolina Office of the Governor  
1100 Gervais Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor McMaster,

My name is Lance Dillon and I am the current President of ASAC. Our association represents many small subcontractors and vendors in the construction industry across both North and South Carolina. We are concerned that a number of states have imposed a blanket shutdown of operations without an exemption for the small businesses and wage earners who support construction activities throughout their respective states. The Impact of halting construction activities during this crisis will have a severe effect on ASAC member firms and the wage earners they employ.

Construction sites are a unique workplace. They are often tightly controlled, require significant safety protocols at all times, and lead to easy separation from the general public. Ongoing construction projects are particularly vulnerable to a shutdown. Costs of demobilizing and remobilizing equipment, materials, and manpower are enormous. Partially-completed projects are exposed to heavy losses from the weather, decay, and theft. Systems that sit idle and exposed must be inspected and re-inspected. Warranties will be lost. Problems will not manifest themselves for years. Shutting down ongoing projects will cripple the construction industry.

We urge you to include a provision in any COVID-19 shelter-in-place order that explicitly recognizes construction activities as essential to economic stabilization and public health and allows our members and their employees to continue working to bring economic stability to our state in this time of crisis. Such critical activities should not be subject to any state shut-down order.

Respectfully Yours,

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