

Office of Governor Christopher Sununu State House 107 North Main Street Concord, NH 03301

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Dear Governor Sununu,

I want to thank you for your leadership and clear communication through these difficult times caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Times are tough but the people of the construction industry are tougher.

As we head into what appears to be a second wave of coronavirus outbreak, we ask that your decisions continue to be data-driven and thank you for collaborating with us and other industry leaders to help keep Granite Staters safe.

As an engineer, you are no doubt familiar with our industry's use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to protect workers. A new process gets developed; we adopt it. New technology comes online, we are the first to use it. That acceptance of PPE and innovation is in many ways why construction jobs have been safer and not a major source of coronavirus outbreak in the Granite State or neighboring Maine, Vermont or Massachusetts.

The construction sector has adapted to the pandemic by requiring use of masks, redesigning workflow to reduce cross-trade exposure, observing physical distancing as much as possible, adding wash stations and adhering to robust jobsite hygiene protocols to mitigate exposure. Contactless thermometers are as common on the jobsite today as a hammer. The industry will continue to adopt new technologies and best practices as we continue to learn more about how to combat this virus.

On behalf of all the members of the ABC, we pledge to you that we shall continue to adhere to state guidelines, the above measures and more to ensure everyone goes home in the same condition or better than when they showed up that day for work. Industry leaders are who we are and will continue to be.

I look forward to continuing to work with you and your team to keep our workforce safe, healthy, and working. Please do not hesitate to call upon me on this and other matters related to construction.

Sincerely.

Josh Reap

President & CEO

cc: Taylor Caswell, Commissioner, NH Dept. of Business and Economic Affairs