



Office of Governor Phil Scott
109 State Street, Pavilion
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Dear Governor Scott,

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 collaborate with us and other industry leaders to help keep Vermonters safe. What is so different this time is we head into 2021 with no certainty about another round of federal assistance and a more-divided federal government.

As a contractor, you are no doubt familiar with our industry's use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to protect workers. That acceptance of PPE is in many ways why construction jobs have been safer and not a major source of coronavirus outbreak in Vermont or neighboring New Hampshire, upstate New York, and western Massachusetts.

The construction sector has adapted to the pandemic by mandating 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 requirements, 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.

I look forward to working with you and your designated surrogates to keep our workforce safe, healthy, and working. Please consider this letter as part of the continuing dialogue on this and other matters related to construction.

Sincerely,



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cc: Lindsay Kurrle, Secretary, Agency of Commerce & Community Development

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