

April 23, 2020

Honorable JB Pritzker
Governor
State of Illinois
207 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Governor Pritzker,

Our nation is facing extraordinary times that rival some of the greatest challenges in our nation's history. As Illinois has successfully "flattened the curve" of the coronavirus pandemic, manufacturers are safely answering the nation's call, conquering obstacles, and leading the way forward while protecting their workplaces, employees, communities and livelihoods.

As you continue to lead and make important decisions during this novel coronavirus pandemic, it's critically important to ensure that any extended "stay at home" Executive Orders continue to define manufacturing as essential. Imposing regulations that exceed Department of Homeland Security CISA guidance or imposing "inventory" controls have the potential to destroy important supply chains and create significant economic damage for essential manufacturers.

Manufacturers, distributors, and their supply chains are making essential products for the health, welfare, and protection of our state. Many manufacturers are repurposing facilities to make urgently needed supplies of medical devices, nutritional food, components for the power grid, cleaners and sanitizers, vehicles and equipment for our first responders, and more.

The Illinois Manufacturers' Association and the manufacturers listed below are requesting that manufacturing facilities, supply chains, distribution centers, and their employees continue to be designated as "essential infrastructure", "essential business", and "essential employees" to ensure clear and concise rules and regulation as Illinois continues to respond to this public health crisis.

We strongly encourage you to make sure that the critical manufacturing sector can continue operating in Illinois.

Best,



Mark Denzler
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