



March 20, 2020

Honorable Kay Ivey  
Governor of Alabama  
600 Dexter Avenue  
Montgomery, AL 36130

Dear Governor Ivey:

As governments at all levels continue their tireless work to limit the spread of the coronavirus through quarantines and other containment methods, it is imperative that the construction industry and those that produce essential building materials like concrete, cement, and aggregate are able to perform their work in an efficient and timely manner.

Not only do these industries perform the work necessary to build and maintain our nation's critical infrastructure, they build America's commercial and residential structures, driving hundreds of billions of dollars in economic activity. Maintaining these industries is vital to our nation's ability to continue developing and improving public works projects and sustain what we can of the construction boom that many of America's great cities have enjoyed in recent years.

For these reasons, we request that Alabama join other states in exempting construction activities from quarantines and other restrictions of business and social activity. Please designate construction as an essential service. The construction industry has always been the backbone of our economy. During this critical time in our nation's history, it is imperative that the entire construction industry be characterized as essential industry and exempt from any current or future mandatory quarantines.

For the men and women in construction, safety has always been our top priority. Rest assured it will remain that way as we continue to operate during these trying times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John Sorrell' in a cursive script.

John Sorrell  
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