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The Honorable Ralph Northam
Governor of Virginia
P.O. Box 1475
Richmond, VA 23218

Dear Governor Northam:

On behalf of Virginia's ready mixed concrete industry, thank you for your aggressive leadership while working to protect residents of the Commonwealth during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As a result of discussions in Virginia and other states about what constitutes critical need sectors of our economy, we find it necessary to write to you to be sure you and your team are aware of the essential need for continued operations of the construction industry.

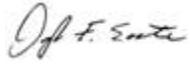
As you know, the ready mixed concrete manufactured by our industry is critical for health sector projects including hospitals and other medical facilities as well as public works projects including roads, bridges and energy production.

Lesser known but just as important is the role of aggregates and cement in the manufacturing of our ready mixed concrete. Products such as aggregates, and cement are entirely necessary to produce ready mixed concrete. Simply put, our work together supports the front lines of this crisis – together we support hospitals and healthcare facilities; we support education facilities; and we support the transportation system.

Our VRMCA members understand the significance of this health crisis and we fully respect and comply with all restrictions and guidelines. For our members and the men and women in construction, worker safety and health has always been a top priority. Rest assured it will remain that way as we continue to operate during these trying times.

We urge you to recognize the ready mixed concrete industry as an essential service that should be continued during this time to support our commonwealth's resiliency efforts. We are committed to making ourselves available to communicate 24-hours-per-day, 7-days-per-week to help your office make the best decisions for Virginia residents.

Sincerely,



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