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To: PMA Connecticut Members

At 8:00 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 2020, Governor Lamont’s Executive Order (EO-7H) takes effect, which imposes restrictions closing non-essential businesses through April 22, 2020. To the extent possible, employees of Essential Businesses whose duties are not critical to an Essential Business function described below should telecommute or utilize any work from home procedures available to them. Connecticut joins California, Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Connecticut’s definition of those businesses that may remain open includes a number industries supplied by PMA member companies. As part of its Essential Business definition, the State adopted a list (see Page 3) on which PMA lobbied, Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers, issued by the Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency (CISA).

The CISA list includes in its definition Critical Manufacturing and Defense Industrial Base sectors. Critical Manufacturing is defined as “necessary for the manufacturing of materials and products needed for medical supply chains, and for supply chains associated with transportation, energy, communications, food and agriculture, chemical manufacturing, nuclear facilities, the operation of dams, water and wastewater treatment, emergency services, and the defense industrial base” (Page 10).

In addition, the State EO-7H also includes in the definition of an essential business:

**Healthcare and related operations including:**
- biotechnology therapies
- consumer health products and services
- doctor and dentist offices
- elder care, including adult day care
- health care plans and health care data
- home health care workers or aides
- hospitals
- manufacturing, distributing, warehousing, and supplying of pharmaceuticals, including research and development
- medical marijuana dispensaries and producers
- medical supplies and equipment providers, including devices, diagnostics, services, and any other healthcare related supplies or services
- medical wholesale and distribution
- nursing homes, or residential health care facilities or congregate care facilities
- pharmacies
- physical therapy and chiropractic offices
- research and laboratory services, including testing and treatment of COVID-19
- veterinary and animal health services
- walk-in-care health facilities

**Infrastructure including:**
- airports/airlines
- commercial trucking
- dam maintenance and support
- education-related functions at the primary, secondary, or higher education level to provide support for students, including distribution of meals or faculty conducting e-learning
- hotels and other places of accommodation
- water and wastewater operations, systems, and businesses
- telecommunications and data centers
- transportation infrastructure including bus, rail, for-hire vehicles and vehicle rentals, and garages
- utilities including power generation, fuel supply, and transmission

**Supply Chains**
All manufacturing and corresponding supply chains, including aerospace, agriculture and related support businesses.

Businesses that meet the description do not need to apply or receive a special notice from the State. Non-essential businesses and nonprofits to allow staff or third parties on site to the minimum extent necessary to provide security, maintenance and receipt of mail and packages. For those companies not designated as an essential business, they may apply to keep their physical location open by filling out the request for designation form.

The State has created a comprehensive FAQ guidebook updated last night to help with additional questions. The state has also been approved by the Small Business Administration for companies seeking disaster loans for up to $2 million.

In Washington, D.C., our lobbyists indicate that the U.S. Senate is hoping to vote on a final package in the coming days, though a U.S. Senator has now tested positive for COVID-19 with several others under self-quarantine.

The measure on which PMA is lobbying could include $350 billion for small businesses, those defined as having fewer than 500 employees. This proposal includes allowing eligible companies to receive zero interest "business interruption loans" to pay employees, rent, or mortgages that are backed by the Small Business Administration (SBA), with loan forgiveness contingent on keeping workers on the payroll. The draft bill also includes an expansion of Net Operating Loss and several other provisions requested by the association.

Following conversations with members and a survey of companies last week, our advocacy team in Washington, D.C. submitted to the White House and Congress a list of ten recommendations to support manufacturers during the COVID-19 economic recovery process, several of which are included in the pending measure. The recommendations include solutions to help with cash flow, prompt payment terms to suppliers for companies receiving federal funds, ensuring banks do not revoke existing lines of credit, and making sure manufacturers have the resources to continue operations and quickly ramp up production after the crisis wanes.

The situation is very fluid and, while PMA is a national organization, we are mobilizing all of our resources to assist our members throughout the country. Working with our team in Washington, D.C.,
we have created www.onevoiceinfo.org as a one stop resource for members to find links to the latest OSHA, CDC and local government resources, including workplace safety posters to print.

Please feel free to reach out to us with questions at any time as we all work through this together.