



March 23, 2020

VIA e-mail

The Honorable Henry McMaster
State House
1100 Gervais Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Re: Identification of Critical Infrastructure Workers during COVID-19 Response

Dear Governor McMaster:

I write to say thank you to you and your staff, as well as to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for the work done on our behalf and that of the hospitality industry leading to the issuance of Executive Order 2020-12. The Order will provide some relief to our state's breweries and brewpubs during this time of crisis. We wish to continue to work with your office to find solutions to ease the economic devastation that this pandemic is having on our industry and hope that you would be supportive of those endeavors.

I also write to you today to join the voices of some of the other alcohol industry members who have already reached out to your office regarding critical infrastructure workers. In a Memorandum released on March 19, 2020 by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency regarding the identification of essential critical infrastructure workers during the COVID-19 response, the federal government specifically identified workers supporting those who sell beverage products, those that support beverage distribution, and those who work at beverage production facilities as ones who are deemed essential. As I know your time and resources are being stretched right now, I won't go into much detail except to say that in the event that you should issue any "lockdown" or "stay at home" type of an order requiring the citizens of South Carolina to stay inside of their homes, except as needed for essential activities, that those essential activities would follow the guidance provided in that Memorandum as they relate to the beverage industry.

I truly thank you for your consideration of this request and appreciate your continued support of our industry.

Sincerely yours,

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