



March 28, 2020

The Honorable Gretchen Whitmer
Governor of Michigan
George W. Romney Building
111 S. Capitol Avenue
Lansing, MI 48933

Dear Governor Whitmer,

On behalf of the members of the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) throughout the state of Michigan, we write you today to offer our support for Executive Order 2020-21.

Builders and contractors are known for their attention to detail, their high esteem for quality, and the imperative principle that we strive to send every man and woman home safely to their families at the end of each day. Today, we join you in accentuating the importance of doing what we must to ensure the health and safety of Michigan residents are placed at the top of the list as we battle through this crisis. No individual, craft trade professional or otherwise, should be on a jobsite unless they are performing an essential job addressing the critical infrastructure that will allow us to combat this new enemy, COVID-19.

The members of ABC are ready, willing, and able to join in this fight by utilizing our trained workforce to maintain the hospitals, grocery stores, and life-sustaining entities that remain ground zero in this conflict. Whether repairing and maintaining multi-unit residences that shelter Michiganders across the state or taking the lead to build temporary health facilities focused on combating COVID-19, know that you can count on the hardworking members of ABC to strengthen our communities. We look forward to your clear and informed guidance in the weeks ahead and the chance to work with local and state authorities to certify the tasks at hand are completed safely, legally, and effectively.

Moreover, should you make any modifications to your order, even if it were to restrict the list of essential infrastructure workers, we stand ready to support your decision and to do our part in ensuring that our industry complies with your unprecedented efforts to protect the health and welfare of Michigan citizens.

Thank you for your service during this historic period in our state, and may God be with you.

Sincerely,

Jeff Wiggins
State Director
ABC of Michigan

Norm Brady
President/CEO
ABC Western Michigan

Keith Ledbetter
President/CEO
ABC Southeastern Michigan

Jimmy Greene
President/CEO
ABC Greater Michigan

Cc: Senator Mike Shirkey, Senate Majority Leader
Representative Lee Chatfield, Speaker of the House