

March 21, 2020

The Honorable Doug Ducey Governor of Arizona 1700 West Washington Street Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Governor Ducey,

The American Subcontractors Association of Arizona (ASAA) serves as an advocate for every contractor, subcontractor and tradesperson across the state. On behalf of ASAA, I want to thank you for your thoughtful and unwavering leadership as we navigate the COVID-19 pandemic.

We know you will face many difficult decisions as you continue to evaluate the spread of the virus, and work to mitigate its impact. If it becomes necessary to issue a shelter-in-place order in Arizona, we respectfully request that you include construction as it relates to "essential infrastructure" among those listed as an essential service.

Essential infrastructure construction would include public works construction, federal construction projects, the permitting, inspection, construction, transfer and recording of ownership, of housing, airport operations, water, sewer, gas, electrical, oil refining, roads and highways, public transportation, as well as solid waste collection and removal. By its nature, contracting and the construction process occurs in a safe, highly controlled environment, and the work is performed in a dispersed manner, satisfying important social distancing requirements.

The construction industry will play a critical role in ongoing efforts to combat the spread of COVID-19. Should it become necessary to build temporary emergency medical facilities or shelters, I know that Arizona contractors stand ready to assist. By including construction as an essential service, you will help ensure that this key resource remains available.

Again, ASAA sincerely appreciates the calm and rational approach you have taken in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic. I would be happy to answer any questions or provide additional information. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (602) 909-9677 or at <a href="Mike.Brewer@brewercompanies.com">Mike.Brewer@brewercompanies.com</a>.

We all hope this crisis passes quickly and remain happy to assist you in returning Arizona to its stable and healthy environment.

Respectfully,

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