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To All public officials of the states and territories of the United States:

At this time in the history of our country, there may be no more important construction than that of a quarantine wing of a hospital. Our association members manufacture and supply steel frames for those projects. We are currently filling orders for a quarantine unit in Pennsylvania.

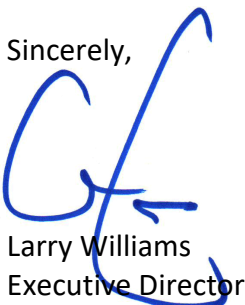
Based upon the pleas of Governors across the nation, we believe the impact of shutting down the steel framing industry will be substantial. It will result in loss of life and will have a serious negative impact on local, regional, and national economies. A shut down will severely interrupt the construction of critical infrastructure, including healthcare facilities. It will also delay current and future efforts to recover after this pandemic.

We write today to encourage national leaders to treat the steel framing industry as an essential service. Please do not restrict the manufacture, distribution, and sale of steel framing. Steel framing is important during this crisis because it supplies the skeleton to every commercial construction contract in this nation, including hospitals, long-term care facilities, public works construction, public transportation projects and certain residential construction. As Executive Director of the Steel Framing Industry Association, I am proud that our industry has such an impact on America's critical infrastructure.

Members of the Steel Framing Industry Association are committed to the health, safety and welfare of our workforce and the public. We support the orders to shelter-in-place and stay-at-home. We appreciate the efforts of the nation's leaders during this public health crisis.

We urge the country's leaders to recognize steel framing as an essential service that should be continued to help fight the war against COVID-19 and maintain the public health, safety, and welfare of our citizens moving forward.

Sincerely,



Larry Williams
Executive Director