



March 24, 2020

To Local, State & Federal Officials:

Our country's heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration industry (HVACR) is essential for the health and safety of all our citizens. All segments of our industry – from technicians and contractor firms to distributors and manufacturers – are united 24/7, 365 days a year in their efforts to create, distribute, install and maintain systems that advance these health and safety goals. When equipment fails, technicians must be able to repair or replace it as quickly as possible.

As the population-at-large is faced with many unforeseen outcomes due to restrictions, everyone must be able to rely on their HVAC and refrigeration equipment. HVACR equipment not only delivers comfort, but also proper indoor air quality. Indoor Air Quality is vital for health, productivity and the living and workplaces required to support all segments of our population and workforce. For those industries that remain open during this time or for the homebound, the HVACR systems must remain functional.

As they are in every industry, manufacturers are on the ground floor of the HVACR supply chain.

During the COVID-19 crisis, it is critically important that HVACR manufacturers be exempted from any travel or workplace bans that would limit their ability to deliver much needed product. The best practices that HVACR manufacturers already have in place will be put to the test, and we have no doubt that every challenge can be met. As fellow HVACR manufacturers, we are banded together in adhering to the latest guidelines from the CDC and WHO in maintaining our facilities and supply chains for the health of our employees and the public.

We join our fellow HVAC distributors, contractor firms and technicians in respectfully requesting that HVAC manufacturers, as a vital part of the HVAC supply chain, be considered essential businesses wherever they are.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Charles R. Eddy'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line that serves as a separator.

Chuck Eddy
President, The HVACR Manufacturers Association