Date: [XXXX]

To Whom It May Concern:

Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers issued an Executive Order on March 23, 2020, effective 8 a.m. March 25, in response to COVID-19 issuing businesses and operations in the State that are essential and non-essential businesses. Under Section 13 titled “Essential Businesses and Operations” of the Executive Order, [Company name] certifies it is an essential business and is permitted to continue to operate at this time. [Company name] is based in [location] and employs [X] people in the state. We are a food processing facility specializing in the manufacture and production of [fruit and vegetable/meat/cheese/dairy] products. Accordingly, we are an essential business involved in “food and beverage manufacturing, production, processing, transportation, [or] cultivation.”

This state designation of our company and industry as an essential business is also supported by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) / Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency’s (CISA) guidance on *Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce: Ensuring Community and National Resilience in COVID-19 Response* (March 23, 2020) (available at: <https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/CISA_Guidance_on_the_Essential_Critical_Infrastructure_Workforce_508C_0.pdf>) that identifies our industry and workers as part of essential critical infrastructure. As the CISA guidance states, “Promoting the ability of such workers to continue to work during periods of community restriction, access management, social distancing, or closure orders/directives is crucial to community resilience and continuity of essential functions.”

Our company and our industry have a special responsibility to continue operations to serve our customers, community, and state as we work together to end the COVID-19 emergency. In order to fully operate our essential business, our company and our employees while conducting work business, should be considered exempt from state and local restrictions such as curfews, shelter-in-place orders, and other mobility restrictions.

As we continue to operate, the protection, health, and safety of our employees is our top priority.

Should you have any questions concerning this certification, please contact [XXXXX].

Certified By,

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