[Date]

Dear \*Insert Elected Official\*,

Thank you for your continued efforts to protect the safety and health of citizens during these challenging times. As you continue to weigh difficult decisions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, I encourage you to open, and keep open, indoor and outdoor pools for purposeful aquatic activities. These activities play an important role in providing life-saving resources to the community and can be practiced safely – in ways that minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

Instructional, purposeful aquatics, like swim lessons, lifeguard training, and rehabilitative resources, are essential to the health and safety of our community. The CDC confirmed that COVID-19 cannot be transmitted through chlorinated water and the NCAA, in conjunction with the Sports Science Institute, classified swimming as a low contact risk sport. To be clear, the aquatics community is not asking that pools be opened for recreational use. Instead, they should open for purposeful swimming activities, with professional coaches and engaged participants who will adhere to strict safety protocols that will mitigate the risk of transmission while providing life-saving resources to our children, families, and those in need of water-based activities.

\*Incorporate Your Personal Story from Swim Entity—Suggestions Below\*

* Name & Location of your Facility/Swim Club.
* What role you serve in for your Facility/Swim Club.
* How many members make up your club/community or how many customers do you serve?
* What important resources your facility/swim club provides i.e. swim lessons, lifeguard trainings, rehabilitative resources, etc.
* Examples of safety precautions your club is taking/will take i.e. wearing masks, social distancing, conducting health checks, cleaning protocols, etc.
* If your facility is not open, what critical resources/benefits is your community missing?

Thank you for your service and dedication to \*Insert State/Municipality\*. Together, we can continue to provide vital resources to our community and maintain a safer return to the water.

Sincerely,

\*Insert Signer\*

\*Address\*

\*Contact Information\*