



MISSION: Leading the building industry to ensure sustainable growth and quality of life in our community.



To: Governor Tony Evers
Roger Roth, Senate President
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Gordon Hintz, Assembly Minority Leader

From: Home Builders Association of the Fox Cities

Date: March 23, 2020

Re: Construction in Wisconsin is essential

Thank you for your efforts to combat COVID-19 and to protect Wisconsin residents and businesses. We appreciate your leadership and the measured approach you have taken in response to the public health emergency thus far.

Valley Home Builders Association of WI Inc. dba Home Builders Association of the Fox Cities is a 501(c)(6) trade association representing the residential construction trade and like businesses in the Fox Cities area of Wisconsin. Our organization is working hard to be of assistance to our 400+ members by providing resources to keep their businesses thriving.

While we very much understand there is a delicate balance between public health and the survival of our economy, we believe that the construction industry is considered an essential business/service, and therefore we respectfully ask that residential and commercial construction be exempt from your #SaferAtHome order. Our request also includes exemption from your order for services provided by plumbers, electricians, HVAC specialists, retoration and other service providers that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation and essential operation of homes.

We understand the importance of social distancing and limiting interactions as much as possible as the nation seeks to flatten the curve of COVID-19, and we believe that our members can adhere to your recommendation of staying at least six feet away from each other. Further, many contractors are working outside and are taking additional safety precautions due to COVID-19.

Home Builders Association of the Fox Cities sincerely asks for your consideration in our request above to consider construction an essential business/service and that businesses in this category be exempt from your #SaferAtHome order.

Thank you for your dedication to the state of Wisconsin and your ongoing leadership during this difficult time.