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Dear Mr. President and Governors,

As the nation's leading associations representing the cleaning products industry, the Household & Commercial Products Association (HCPA), the American Cleaning Institute (ACI), and its members are dedicated to ensuring that consumers and workers have access to critical cleaning products, especially during the COVID-19 outbreak.

We applaud your around-the-clock focus aimed at containing COVID-19. Additionally, we commend your steadfast commitment to provide American consumers and workers with the timely information they need to stay safe and healthy during this national emergency. This leadership has included encouragement or directives to practice proper hygiene habits, undertake social distancing, enable telework, and reduce the functions of non-essential businesses.

While many of these limitations are currently in the best interest of public health, it is essential that all aspects of the cleaning product supply chain are able to maintain operations throughout this challenging time to ensure the availability of resources used to maintain sanitary conditions and mitigate the spread of the virus.

HCPA and ACI member companies manufacture and sell products that clean and protect homes and commercial environments. Many of these companies are in the process of fully adopting the U.S. Centers for Disease Control's guidance related to preventing the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace. However, the operation of cleaning product supply chain manufacturing facilities cannot be done remotely and requires the day-to-day presence of highly trained personnel. This also includes ensuring access to critical supplies and transportation systems to deliver products that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has designated as critical in protecting Americans from this pandemic. In acknowledgment of this important role, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has classified the Chemical Sector – one of the many sectors that would affect the cleaning product supply chain – as a Critical Infrastructure Sector.

It is our ask that federal and state governments follow the determination of the Department of Homeland Security and agree that this sector of the economy be considered an Essential Operations Segment, and continue to work together to preserve the supply of much needed cleaning products by not obstructing manufacturing processes. The Chemical Sector can make a valuable contribution to the overall health and wellbeing of American society by applying prudent measures to prevent the spread of infection at our sites, while also maintaining production.

For more information about what HCPA and ACI members are doing to combat the spread of COVID-19, please visit:

www.thehcpa.org

<https://www.consumered.org/prepareforcoronavirus>

<https://www.cleaninginstitute.org/coronavirus>

The cleaning products supply chain stands ready to work with you in order to ensure the continued supply of critical cleaning products, including disinfectants that can help kill and protect against the spread of COVID-19. Should you have any questions, comments or concerns about how policies are affecting this critical sector of the economy, please do not hesitate to reach out to either of us. By working together, our members, the American people and the economy will weather this storm.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen J. Caldeira". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Stephen J. Caldeira
President & CEO
Household & Commercial Products Association

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melissa Hockstad". The signature is cursive and written in a light blue color.

Melissa Hockstad
President & CEO
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