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Governor Gavin Newsom
1303 10th St, Ste 1173
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Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the American Brush Manufacturers Association's (ABMA) 150 member companies, I request our member companies be allowed to remain open in the face of the growing number of "shelter in place" policies nationwide. We understand the CISA guidance on essential critical infrastructure workers and industries during COVID-19. We request that our broom brush, mop and roller manufacturers be considered essential businesses during the "shelter in place" policies that are being established in localities and states.

The companies that ABMA represents are essential businesses that supply cleaning and sanitation product to hundreds of thousands of other essential businesses, including hospitals and medical care facilities, medical supply companies and the defense, aerospace, energy, food processing and equipment industries, and others in the supply chain. Products from our industry keep hospitals and health care workers clean, safe and protected against infection.

Our members are committed to continuing to operate with the health and safety of industry employees, their families, and all Americans as the top priority. We are communicating to our members about the new protocols by the CDC and OSHA and look forward to further guidance from local, state, and federal authorities so they can maintain safe and secure operations while continuing to serve the country and their customers in this time of great need.

We stand together in support of the COVID-19 Task Force and appreciate your urgent attention to this most pressing matter. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me (dparr@abma.org) if you or your team has questions.

Sincerely,

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