March 20, 2020

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**RE: Make plumbers and HVAC contractors essential services during COVID-19 pandemic**

Dear :

As the United States Congress and state/local governments across the country enact preventative measures against the COVID-19 pandemic, the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors—National Association (PHCC) urges you to consider the work of America’s plumbers; and heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) contractors as essential services that must be maintained during this time of crisis. Keeping plumbers and HVAC contractors at work prevents exacerbating the current public health crisis.

The professional contractors represented by PHCC protect the health and safety of the American people. They provide and maintain safe sources of potable water and proper disposal of wastewater to maintain hygienic conditions for American citizens. They ensure indoor climate conditions and indoor air quality to promote healthy living, install and maintain medical gas systems in hospitals, and overall keep American families healthy and comfortable in homes, schools, and workplaces.

PHCC contractors are ready and committed to help when called, and we strongly urge you to allow us to stay in service. We understand the need of our political leaders to take strong precautions to contain the COVID-19 outbreak, and we simply ask that you take a measured response that ensures essential services such as plumbing and HVAC contracting are not withheld from the public.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,