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To Federal, State, and Local Officials:

America’s heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration industry is committed to advancing and maintaining the health, safety, productivity, and comfort of the entire nation. While citizens are coping with a variety of unforeseen and unusual restrictions, it is essential that they are able to maintain their HVAC and commercial refrigeration equipment. Aside from providing comfort, this equipment is vital for health and safety in addition to productivity, particularly for water heating, air filtration and food and medical supply preservation, especially in this time of quarantine. When equipment fails, technicians must be able to repair or replace it as quickly as possible.

Accordingly, as states and local jurisdictions considering their health crisis and travel restriction plans, we respectfully request that HVACR technicians and engineers, as well as the manufacturers of the equipment they install and maintain, be considered essential businesses.

Sincerely,

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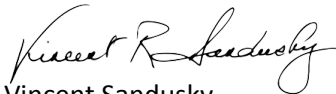
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