



March 30, 2020

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Mr. President:

We appreciate your Administration's work to protect the nation's citizens during this critical time and your efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19. On behalf of the American Highway Users Alliance (the Highway Users), a coalition of 300 organizations including companies, trade associations, safety advocacy groups, and motoring clubs that represent millions of motorists, we appreciate the Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency's Guidance on Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce, and we are seeking additional guidance to assist the infrastructure construction industry with compliance while at the same time performing their critical work to keep America moving.

As states and local governments continue to issue quarantine and stay-at-home orders to attempt to stem the spread of coronavirus, we ask for additional guidance from the Administration regarding what qualifies as "essential infrastructure" and "essential businesses and services." We urge the federal government to allow for exemptions for "essential infrastructure" that enables workers to leave their homes to provide services or perform duties relating to operations and maintenance of "essential infrastructure." Such work would include roadway and highway construction, projects, and maintenance.

Continuing roadway projects is vitally important to every roadway user to ensure goods and services continue to move freely and that our loved ones can get home safely. In 2018 alone, 36,560 people died and approximately 2.7 million individuals were injured on American roadways. Materials, equipment, safety devices and roadway improvements are all necessary especially during this critical time. Stopping work on these vitally important projects will have lasting ramifications for our economy, our companies, and our people. Our roadways must be open for business for our truckers, our emergency and medical services, and for the men and women who must continue to get to work.

Furthermore, the trucking industry is relying on "essential infrastructure" to ensure food, water, goods, medical supplies, mail and packages get to Americans who so desperately need them.

During this time of crisis **please issue additional guidance to offer clear rules of the road that the construction industry is considered an “essential industry” and thus exempt from the stay-at-home orders.** Every roadway user will benefit from this additional clarification.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at lauraperrotta@highway.org or 571-239-0765. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura Perrotta". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Laura" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Perrotta".

Laura Perrotta, CAE
President and CEO

CC: The Honorable Steven Mnuchin
Secretary
Department of the Treasury

CC: The Honorable Chad Wolf
Acting Secretary
Department of Homeland Security