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STATE ASSN OR MEMBER COMPANY TO

GOVERNOR/HEALTH DEPT/COUNTY OFFICIALS

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Dear XXX,

Thank you for your efforts to combat and defeat the COVID-19 pandemic. As we continue through each of the stages of vaccination, we are writing to request that you consider the appropriate prioritization of America’s workers in the construction material manufacturing and supply industries.

>>> INSERT STATE/COMPANY SPECIFIC INFO *NRMCA represents an industry with more than 2,250 companies and subsidiaries**that employ more than 135,000 American workers who manufacture and deliver ready mixed concrete. The Association represents both national and multinational companies that operate in every congressional district in the United States. The industry includes more than 75,000 ready mixed concrete trucks and 6,500 ready mixed concrete plants. Roughly 85% of all U.S. ready mixed concrete companies are small businesses. <<<*

The ready mixed concrete industry manufactures a construction material vital for our built environment. From roads and bridges to homes and high-rises, our built environment could not be realized without the use of ready mixed concrete. This important building material is created by combining fine and coarse aggregates, cement and water. In 2019 alone, the industry is estimated to have produced 371 million cubic yards of ready mixed concrete[[1]](#footnote-1)[1]. Virtually every construction project in America requires ready mixed concrete.

Throughout the pandemic, the ready mixed concrete industry has provided the construction industry an essential service, delivering the critical materials that form the basis of every residential, commercial and public works project in America.

As an industry, safety has always been our top priority. In light of the pandemic, we have increased our use of personal protective equipment, adjusted schedules and physical work arrangements, and followed all federal and state health and safety protocols to ensure the protection of our employees and those with whom they interact.

Ready mixed concrete delivery professionals make multiple trips each day to local construction sites, delivering loads of concrete within a short distance of their plants. Their job cannot be done remotely and is both essential and critical to the economic health of our nation.

As you evaluate the distribution of vaccines, we request that you recognize the role that front-line construction industry workers play. To be clear, we recognize the priority of healthcare and at-risk populations and are not asking to be prioritized ahead of these groups. The ready mixed concrete industry recommends that its workers be recognized for vaccination in the order laid out by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), specifically in Phase 1b, as the industry’s workers operate in a combination of manufacturing, construction and transportation capacities.

The role that workers in the construction material manufacturing and supply industries play in keeping our state and local economy healthy and growing is essential and critical, which should appropriately prioritize them for vaccination.

Thank you for your commitment to defeating COVID-19 and to the health and safety of our state.

Sincerely,

1. [1] National Ready Mixed Concrete Association, *2019 U.S. Ready Mixed Concrete Production Report* [↑](#footnote-ref-1)