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The Honourable John Horgan, M.L.A. Premier of British Columbia  
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Dear Premier Horgan;

These are difficult and challenging times that require all of us to pull together as Canadians and make sacrifices to stop the spread of COVID-19. We are fortunate to have excellent leadership and healthcare professionals in British Columbia to provide solid, science based advice.

We also have a strong, (and right now critical) construction industry in BC with new infrastructure being built and renovations taking place at healthcare, education, municipal and institutional building sites across the province. Member companies of the Roofing Contractors Association of British Columbia (RCABC) are currently working on open job-sites for:

- 26 Hospitals and Extended Care Facilities
- 52 Community Service Buildings
- 96 Multi-Residential projects
- 14 Post Secondary Educational facilities
- 53 K – 12 Schools
- 11 Public Works projects

These roofing projects are critical to protect the building, but also ensure the vital services provided within these buildings are not disrupted. Single and Multi-family residential home repairs are also important to ensure a safe, weather-tight place to self isolate.

We understand this virus presents a challenge on an unprecedented scale and appreciate the leadership shown in BC by exempting construction sites from guidelines on group gatherings. We want to make sure that our industry can continue to provide a critical service during this crisis. For these reasons, we ask that you continue to support the position in the attached letter sent to The Right Honorable Justin Trudeau, supporting roofing as an "essential service / business".

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryan Wallner", is written over a light grey background.

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G & G Roofing Ltd.

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Top Line Roofing Ltd.

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Villa Roofing & Sheet Metal Ltd.

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Airfoam

Alcan Products Ltd.

Atlas Roofing Corporation

Bailey Metal Products

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Garland Canada Inc.

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Henry Company Canada

Hunter Panels

Hydrotech Membrane Corporation

IKO Industries Ltd.

Johns Manville Corporation

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The Right Honorable Justin Trudeau  
Office of the Prime Minister  
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Ottawa ON K1A 0A2

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

As Canada confronts the current public health crisis related to the coronavirus pandemic, the undersigned organizations in the roofing industry write to express our strong concerns with respect to provincial and local regulations governing “essential services/businesses” and “essential workers” during this critical time.

We are aware that provinces and municipalities across Canada are responding to the current crisis by issuing, and frequently revising, emergency orders and/or guidance that may conflict with the goals of containing coronavirus and protecting the health and welfare of our communities. Recent emergency orders and guidance threaten the ability of roofing contractors, manufacturers, distributors and other industry employers to operate and aid in the response to the coronavirus pandemic. Clarity and consistency are needed given the multiple orders from many provincial and local governments, each with different rules. Thus, we recommend your Cabinet issue guidance that clarifies essential businesses, services and workers, and that this guidance recognize the role of the roofing industry in protecting Canadian families and employers.

The Canadian roofing industry, including manufacturers and their raw material suppliers, distributors, and roofing contractors, is an essential billion dollar plus sector, employing hundreds of thousands of employees, that provides critical materials and services to ensure home and business safety. We are integral to the infrastructure that will enable Canada to see through our current times and help our communities rebound quickly. The products we make and install protect hospitals, grocery stores, pharmacies, gas stations and other businesses actively providing critical care and resources to thousands of Canadians in need of assistance during this time of crisis, as well as families who are being asked to shelter in place or otherwise take every measure to remain indoors. For example, as the role of hospitals becomes ever more critical in providing the care that our fellow Canadians need at this time, it will be critical that roofing companies are able to quickly fix roof leaks or provide other essential services to keep these buildings operating safely.

As we head into the spring and summer months, it is vital the roofing industry be prepared and well-resourced to quickly respond to the impacts that extreme weather and natural disasters may inflict on homes and buildings. We are employing prudent measures to prevent the spread of infection at facilities, sites and projects, and most roofing work is performed outdoors where open air helps mitigate any risk to employees. We encourage federal, provincial, and local officials to partner with the roofing industry to address the challenges ahead in a comprehensive, coordinated manner.

Also, in view of the current issues of housing shortage we are facing across the country, it appears essential to complete all planned residential projects according to schedule in order to be able to house Canadian families as expected by July 1, 2020.

The roof is the first line of defense against the elements and extreme weather, and there is nothing more important than a sound roof in protecting Canadian families and businesses as they take action to address this crisis and sustain our economy. The undersigned groups look forward to working with your team to provide the guidance needed to fully recognize the valuable role that the roofing industry plays in responding to this crisis. We are all ***“under one roof”*** and every Canadian deserves the safety of a sound roof over their heads.

We greatly appreciate your consideration and thank you for your strong leadership during these very difficult times.

Sincerely,



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