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Dear Governor Evers,

On behalf of the Wisconsin's engineering industry, we urge you to support exemptions to any shelter-in-place or quarantine orders for "essential infrastructure" that allows individuals to provide any services or perform any work necessary to the operations and maintenance of "essential infrastructure," including, but not limited to, public works construction, airport operations, roads and highways, and public transportation.

We appreciate the steps you have already taken to ensure that critical infrastructure projects and related services – including engineering – continue in a manner consistent with protecting human health. We urge you continue this position as you issue your "Safer at Home" order tomorrow.

Engineering firms in particular play an essential role in inspecting and improving critical infrastructure, including bridges, public transportation, water and wastewater facilities, energy, and other areas of the built environment so important to our daily lives. As you work to maintain essential services it is critical to include engineering in your language.

Thank you for your attention and consideration, and please let me know how we can assist you through this challenging time.

Chris Klein

President/Executive Director

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