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Dear GPI Members:

GPI continues to follow and monitor activity and developments connected to COVID-19, [and is adhering to guidance](#) provided by the U.S. regulatory authority, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Yesterday, the CDC advised against gatherings of more than 50 people, for an 8-week period. This timeframe covers our Spring Membership meeting in Atlanta the first week of May, and as such, GPI has postponed our meeting.

GPI will coordinate with our Board of Trustees, Management Committee and venue to reschedule the Spring Meeting, and will provide details on a new date/time frame, as soon as it becomes available. For those who have registered and paid for the Spring Meeting, GPI will be in touch regarding refunds.

CDC's interim guidance for businesses and employers, may be accessed [by clicking here](#). We also encourage all members to visit the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) [microsite](#), housing developments and resources related to COVID-19.

Industry Conferences & Events

GPI continues to update information on postponed/cancelled or otherwise modified industry conferences and events, as GPI and member companies attend and present at these conferences around the country. Click [here](#) to view the latest update.

Congressional Action

The [House-passed aid package, H.R. 6201](#), has been sent to the Senate for consideration. In addition, the Administration is proposing an \$850 billion financial stimulus package (text not yet available), which may be combined with the House legislation for Congress' consideration. We will continue to follow developments. The aid package to be considered will likely include deferred loan payments for individuals and businesses, grants to particularly impacted industries and other financial support elements.

Please reach out to me directly with any questions, 703-684-6359, sdefife@gpi.org, or Bryan Vickers with GPI's member services department, bvickers@pacellp.com, 703-403-2882.

Thank you,

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