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The Honorable Ron DeSantis
Governor of the State of Florida
The Capitol
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

RE: Florida's Statewide *Safer at Home* Order and Essential Workers

Dear Governor DeSantis:

Thank you and Surgeon General Rivkees for your continued leadership as we seek to stay unified in our mutual effort to combat the COVID-19 pandemic and secure Florida's future. The Florida Chamber of Commerce continues to believe that keeping Floridians safe, while preparing for our future economic recovery, is our best approach and you have our continued support.

As we've said from the beginning, stopping the spread of this virus and its impact on Floridians is our shared priority. Your *Safer at Home* Executive Order today is consistent with the Florida Chamber's recommendation we shared with you and your team [in writing on March 22](#) and have discussed many times before and since.

Now, more importantly than ever, it's vital that we ensure essential workers can continue to perform their duties, such as, maintaining first responder vehicles, providing precious personal protection equipment to our front line health care workers, getting crops to the grocery store and many more. As such, we continue to recommend that Florida follow the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) [Guidance on Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19](#). We supported use of this guidance in our [March 22 letter](#), and continue to encourage the broadest possible interpretation of its directives while also allowing for prompt consideration of any future updates of the guidance to ensure critical infrastructure is maintained during this trying time. Again, safety and consistency matter greatly.

Governor, thank you for your leadership during this unprecedented time. The Florida Chamber stands with you as we seek to prevent the further spread of COVID-19, focus on recovery efforts from its impact, and ensure we become an even more secure Florida when we emerge on the other side.

My best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark Wilson
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CC: Charles Caulkins, Chairman, Florida Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors