



Dear Director Kreps:

On behalf of the \$114 billion U.S. recreation vehicle (RV) industry, which includes RV manufacturers and suppliers, RV dealers and service centers, and RV parks and campgrounds, we want to thank you for your leadership in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. As you move forward, we strongly urge that all aspects of the RV industry must be considered as essential businesses.

As Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) weighs and implements guidelines in response to this pandemic, please be aware RVs are serving a critical role in this time of national emergency. During times of disaster, state and local agencies have used RVs to aid as local command centers, portable offices, temporary housing and other critical uses. RVs are uniquely able to meet critical needs in an expedited timeframe for emergency crisis management and much more.

RV manufacturers and suppliers must be considered essential businesses because more states and localities will continue to use RVs in various ways to help address the increasing crisis. We understand the immense strain that the COVID-19 outbreak is placing on our health care system. Given concerns about hospital capacity, RVs can help by serving as mobile clinics, testing facilities, medical providers' sleeping quarters, laundry facilities, or vending and kitchens. Indeed, just last week, states have purchased RVs for such surge capacity; notably, the state of California just purchased over 1,300 RV trailers to provide emergency isolation for the most vulnerable. Another RV manufacturer has supplied trailers to a county government for use as mobile testing facilities for the COVID-19 affliction.

RV dealerships and service centers must be considered essential businesses so they can remain open and available to supply RVs and perform critical maintenance and repairs, especially on LP/propane gas systems and electrical, plumbing and refrigeration issues. There are emergency personnel and mobile RV medical clinics already on the road now that may need service. RV dealerships and service centers must be considered essential businesses and allowed to continue to service these Americans.

RV parks and campgrounds must be considered essential businesses so they can continue to play a vital role as traveling medical personnel, families and Americans in between homes utilize RV parks and campgrounds as their only source of temporary accommodations. Many RV parks and campgrounds also provide critical propane gas, electrical and essential business services for this community. RV parks and campgrounds must be considered essential businesses and allowed to stay open to continue serving those customers who need places to stay to aid with and weather out this recovery, such as those providing vital services during this national health crisis.

The RV industry is committed to serving a crucial role to help combat the public health emergency this pandemic presents, and we hope to be considered as a resource to your agency as you continue your vital work.

We look forward to assisting in your efforts of protecting the health of our Nation and the safety of all our citizens at this critical time.

Sincerely,

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