

November 23, 2020

Honourable Jason Kenney Premier of Alberta

Transmitted via email: premier@gov.ab.ca

Dear Premier Kenney:

Construction Must Remain an Essential Service

We thank your Government for keeping Alberta's construction industry open during the pandemic.

Since the outbreak, Alberta's construction industry has collaborated to develop protocols and share best practices. Our professionals on jobsites calmly execute these protocols every day without incident, assessing and managing COVID as they would with any new hazard. Suppliers of materials have significantly tightened delivery and pick-up to minimize risk of exposure and transmission. Office personnel have successfully utilized technology to minimize exposure in the management of construction projects.

At our November 20th Board meeting, Board members from across Alberta reported, as they have for the past months, that there have been no known incidences of site transmission and any cases resulting from other sources have been dealt with effectively using the industry developed protocols.

We further thank you for your commitment that construction be an engine for economic recovery. Construction trades make up one in ten jobs in this province, with thousands of additional jobs in project design, management, and related manufacturing and services. These families across Alberta are counting on your Government to preserve their livelihoods as they continue to operate safely.

As COVID increases during a second wave, please ensure construction remains an essential service for the benefit of our province.

Sincerely,

Frederick Vine, Chairman

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cc. Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta



















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