

NAM COVID-19 Update
April 22, 2020

This morning, the NAM brought together more than 50 leaders of industry trade associations, labor unions and professional groups as well as safety professionals for a conversation with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to help the government quantify the demand for personal protective equipment across the entire economy. Ramping up production of PPE even further is a core component of the NAM's "[American Renewal Action Plan](#)" and critical to our nation's ability to safely restart the economy.

We know that our plan is being closely read and evaluated within the administration. We will continue making the case for the future of our industry and our country, as I did on [Fox Business](#), and for the safety of manufacturing workers, as I did in a [New York Times](#) interview.

Here are some other recent updates:

Senate Approves Additional PPP Funding in New COVID-19 Relief Bill

The Senate has approved \$310 billion in funding to restart the Paycheck Protection Program. Included in the new funding tranche is a \$60 billion set-aside to ensure that businesses served by community development financial institutions, minority depository institutions, community banks, credit unions and certified development companies can access PPP funds. The NAM was a vocal [leader](#) in securing this expansion of the PPP and [has repeatedly called](#) on Congress to ensure small businesses have access to the funds they need.

The legislation would also increase the Small Business Administration's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program by \$60 billion, including \$10 billion in emergency grants for businesses impacted by COVID-19, and clarify that small farms are eligible for this program. The Senate also approved an additional \$75 billion in funding for hospitals and health care providers and \$25 billion to expand COVID-19 testing. We expect the House to pass the Senate bill in the coming days.

NAM Releases Pandemic Liability Policy Recommendations

As part of our "[American Renewal Action Plan](#)," the NAM is leading the business community in calling for liability policies to fit the moment as manufacturers go above and beyond for the COVID-19 response. Our "Pandemic Liability Policy Recommendations" is a list of proposed sensible liability protection reforms policymakers can take so our workers can continue to combat COVID-19 and help the nation move toward recovery. Manufacturers have stepped up to aid our country with essential equipment and supplies, and our elected officials should protect those who, without being asked, did the right thing.

Read the recommendations [here](#).

Hundreds of Manufacturing CEOs Write Mexican President on Essential Business Issues

The NAM brought together 327 manufacturing CEOs to urge Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador to allow U.S. manufacturers to continue operating safely in Mexico. In today's [letter](#), the executives underscored the importance of aligning Mexico's critical infrastructure provisions with the United States' CISA guidance. The executives also committed to working with President López Obrador and assured him that the health and safety of employees and communities is their highest priority. Read the full letter [here](#).

Contact NAM Senior Director of International Economic Affairs [Ken Monahan](#) with any questions regarding efforts in Mexico and globally. For domestic questions, contact NAM Vice President of Energy and Resources Policy [Rachel Jones](#).

IRS FAQs for CARES Act's Payroll Support Provision for Air Carriers and Contractors

The IRS has issued important FAQs on the tax treatment of the CARES Act's payroll support provision for air carriers and contractors. The FAQs address key issues such as the taxability of the payroll support and the deductibility of payment of wages, salaries and benefits for taxpayers that provide Taxpayer Protection Instruments to Treasury. More information can be found [here](#).

Thanking Our Heroes

The NAM has released a new video as part of our effort to showcase the incredible, inspiring work manufacturers are doing across the country—and to say thank you. You can watch [here](#) and continue to share your stories on social media as we show the world how #CreatorsRespond.

Please keep visiting the regularly updated nam.org/coronavirus site for the latest information, including state-specific resources. If your company is looking for ways to contribute to COVID-19 relief efforts, we encourage you to email our Response Team at responseteam@nam.org with any N95 or Tyvek suit donations.

You can connect with NAM partner [Good360](#)—a global leader in purposeful giving to help those impacted by disasters—to donate items to families, including food, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene supplies, diapers, children's toys and games, masks and other PPE. Please reference the NAM as your source of referral so we can track the many positive contributions of our members.

Best,

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