March 24, 2020

Dear Valued Partners,

The operations of Akron Brass/Weldon, a Critical Manufacturer as defined by DHS and referenced in the Ohio Department of Health Director’s Stay At Home Order, remain open for production, delivery, and support of products essential to Emergency Services.

In response to the President’s Coronavirus Guidance for America, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in a memo covering the “Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers during COVID-19 Response” developed the “Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers” definition to help State and local officials in their protective actions.

As stated therein, “this document gives guidance...on defining essential critical infrastructure workers. Promoting the ability of such workers to continue to work during periods of community restriction, access management, social distancing, or closure orders/directives is crucial to community resilience and continuity of essential functions.”

Further, the CISA defines Critical Manufacturing as “Workers necessary for the manufacturing of materials and products needed for medical supply chains, transportation, energy, communications, food and agriculture, chemical manufacturing, nuclear facilities, the operation of dams, water and wastewater treatment, emergency services, and the defense industrial base.” Based on this, the products and services provided by Akron/Weldon are in direct support of the CISA guidance and are considered critical manufacturing.

Akron/Weldon is committed to keeping our employees safe. We continue to work closely within CDC, Federal, and State guidelines in fulfillment of our commitments to heath and the ongoing service of our nation’s First Responders.

Sincerely,

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