



BUSINESS & INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION
New Hampshire's Statewide
Chamber of Commerce

May 8, 2020

The Honorable Christopher Sununu
Governor of New Hampshire
107 North Main Street
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Governor Sununu:

On behalf of the thousands of enterprises we collectively represent in all corners of New Hampshire, we the undersigned respectfully request that you promulgate an emergency order under the powers conferred upon you during this pandemic to create a legal "safe harbor" for employers to protect them from COVID 19 related liability litigation. Absent such protection, business of all shapes and sizes will be deterred from reopening or returning to pre-pandemic operations, slowing New Hampshire's economic recovery.

We will also be supporting legislative efforts to adopt safe harbor language into statute once the New Hampshire legislature has fully reconvened. Until then, businesses will need the immediate protection afforded by your emergency order. We are suggesting that language offered recently by the Business & Industry Association (attached) be considered as a foundation for your emergency order.

Thank you for your consideration of, and action upon, this request.

Respectfully,

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President

Peter McNamara, President
NH Auto Dealers Association

Mike Somers, President & CEO
NH Lodging and Restaurant Association

Robert J. Sculley, President
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