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Dear Sir or Madam:

On March 23, 2020 Governor Gretchen Whitmer issued Executive Order 2020-21 which provides for the temporary suspension of activities that are not necessary to sustain or protect life. I have received information from law enforcement that you may be in violation of this Executive Order by:

Engaging in residential construction work

This order provides that all individuals within the State of Michigan are ordered to stay at home or at their place of residence with limited exceptions. It also provides that no person or entity shall operate a business or conduct operations that require workers to leave their homes or places of residence except to the extent that those workers are necessary to sustain or protect life or to conduct basic minimum operations. The order, "must be construed broadly to prohibit in-person work that is not necessary.."

The order states that businesses and operations that employ critical infrastructure workers may continue in-person operations. For purposes of the order, "critical infrastructure workers" are defined as those working in the following areas:

- chemical supply chains and safety
- communications and information technology
- child care for children of critical infrastructure workers
- critical manufacturing
- defense industry
- energy
- financial services
- food and agriculture
- government operations
- health care
- insurance industry, to extent work cannot be done by phone or remotely
- maintenance of public parks
- necessary suppliers or service providers to critical infrastructure workers
- public works
- public transit
- transportation and logistics
- water and wastewater

Businesses that are not considered "critical infrastructure" above should not be conducting any in-person operations. Violation of this Executive Order is a misdemeanor punishable by up to 90 days in jail and/or a \$500 fine per violation. I have attached a copy from the FAQ's regarding this order from [Michigan.gov/coronavirus](https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus) to help answer any questions you may have. You may also call the Governor's constituent services line at 517-335-7858.

To be honest, we do not want to charge anyone for a violation. Our wish is that you comply with this order; for the safety of yourself, your workers, and the public at large. We realize these are difficult and confusing times, we simply wish for you to stop your operations that are in violation of this order.

Sincerely,

Chris Becker
Kent County Prosecutor