



March 23, 2020

The Honorable Chris Sununu  
Governor of the State of New Hampshire  
State House  
107 North Main Street  
Concord, NH 03301

Governor Sununu,

My name is Joseph Mullin and I am the New England States Senior Coordinator for the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation. In consideration of the responsive COVID-19 measures being taken by several Governors across the nation, I write to you with the request that you designate the firearm and ammunition industry as an essential function, in the event non-essential business in New Hampshire must cease all in-person operations.

In response to the outbreak of this virus, we are seeing an influx of first-time firearms owners stepping into the sporting community. It is essential that these new owners have the means and ability to train and familiarize themselves with their firearms so that they may develop skills related to proper handling, maintenance, and safe use. Doing so will require that the individuals have access to gun shops, which may provide these owners with firearms and ammunition, gunsmiths, and ranges, among a variety of other essential services. Meeting the demands of the surging gun market will also require that firearms and ammunition manufacturers remain open and fully operational. Online distributors are experiencing the same ammunition shortages as the brick-and-mortar businesses, as purchasing skyrockets<sup>1</sup>. This is why it is especially crucial for New Hampshire, the home to some of the world's most recognized firearms manufacturers, to remain fully open and operational for these services.

For your consideration, I am also sending you the following attachments: a Department of Defense memorandum to the Department of Homeland Security regarding the Defense Industrial Base, which the Department of Homeland Security has identified as a Critical Infrastructure Sector<sup>2</sup>; a letter that the National Shooting Sports Foundation submitted to the Department of Homeland Security, requesting an inclusion of the firearms and ammunition industry in its designation of critical infrastructures; and an overview of the businesses that have been exempted from Governor Lamont's

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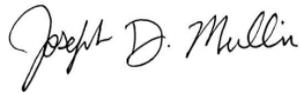
<sup>1</sup> Chris Eger. "Ammo Makers Strive to Keep Up Production, Respond to Demand." Accessed on March 23, 2020. <https://www.guns.com/news/2020/03/23/ammo-makers-strive-to-keep-up-production-respond-to-demand>.

<sup>2</sup> Department of Defense. "Memorandum for Defense Industrial Base." Accessed on March 23, 2020. <http://thecgp.org/images/Defense-Industrial-Base-Essential-Critical-Infrastructure-Workforce.pdf>.

(CT) Executive Order 7H, which ordered all non-essential businesses to reduce their in-person workforce by 100%<sup>3</sup>.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this critical matter. Should you require additional information on this, or other sportsmen-related topics, please feel free to contact me at any time

Sincerely,



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Enclosed: DOD Memorandum Regarding Defense Industrial Base-Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce.

NSSF Letter to Dir. Krebs Regarding National Critical Infrastructure Industry.

CT Executive Order 7H Guidelines.

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<sup>3</sup> Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development. "Business Exemptions for Coronavirus-Executive Order 7H." Accessed on March 23, 2020. <https://portal.ct.gov/DECD/Content/Coronavirus-for-Businesses/Coronavirus-for-Businesses>.