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ERA Urges Federal Clarification of Essential Business Orders

*Coalition Recommends White House Recognition of the Role of Roofing Industry*

WASHINGTON, DC, – March 25, 2020. The EPDM Roofing Association (ERA) is urging the Trump Administration to “issue guidance that clarifies essential businesses, services and workers, and that this guidance recognize the role of the roofing industry in protecting U.S. families and employers.”

In a letter to President Trump, and also sent to key Cabinet members, ERA Executive Director Ellen Thorp wrote that, “Recent emergency orders and guidance threaten the ability of roofing contractors, manufacturers, distributors and other industry employers to operate and aid in the response to the coronavirus pandemic.” The letter further pointed out that multiple orders from state and local governments are creating confusion and inconsistency in the marketplace, and Federal action is needed to ensure that roofing is protected as an essential industry.

The letter was co-signed by other key roofing industry associations, including representatives of the Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association (PIMA), the National Roofing Contractors Association (NRCA) and The Single Ply

Roofing Industry (SPRI). The complete text of the letter to the White House follows at the bottom of this release.

The EPDM Roofing Association represents the manufacturers of EPDM single-ply roofing products and their leading suppliers. Through ERA, the EPDM roofing industry speaks with a focused voice to provide technical and research support, offer dependable roofing solutions and communicate the longstanding attributes, consistency and value of EPDM roofing materials.

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