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Ms. Leona Stabler
Executive Director
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Re: Essential Status of Sign Industry and Sign Professionals During COVID-19 Crisis

Ms. Stabler:

Upon review of various Executive Orders, Declarations, and Proclamations enacted throughout Texas as well as federal guidelines issued by President Donald J. Trump, the Center for Disease Control (“CDC”) and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (“CISA”), all in response to the COVID-19 crisis, it is our opinion that the Sign Industry qualifies as an essential business as that term relates to such Orders, Declarations and Proclamations.

The Sign Industry provides and supports critical infrastructure and business activity that is essential to the continued operation of our local, state, and national economies during this crisis. Most notably, the Sign Industry and its representatives, employees and operations provide essential and necessary wayfinding and identification of businesses, operations, and other activities that have been specifically identified by CISA and in local regulations as essential and critical, such as grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants and food suppliers, hospitals and healthcare facilities and providers, transportation, and other such services. Signage is necessary to locate these clearly-identified essential businesses and uses, and therefore the installation, repair and replacement of signs and similar activities by Sign Industry representatives and employees should be exempt from orders requiring certain individuals and businesses to “shelter in place” or “stay at home.” The Sign Industry and its representatives and employees are part of the Essential Business/Critical Infrastructure network, and thus should be authorized to continue their work/professional duties during this current crisis, so long as such is done in compliance with social distancing guidelines as outlined by the CDC, to the extent possible, in an effort to minimize the risk of infection and/or spread of COVID-19.



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Please do not hesitate to contact me at 210-324-6386 or james@kgftx.com should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James B. Griffin".

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