



Nebraska Dealer-Members,

The letter below was sent to Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts to demonstrate the support agricultural and construction/industrial dealers have in the State's ability to overcome the COVID-19 pandemic. As the number of states declaring "shelter in place" orders continue to grow (including Michigan this morning), it is important that we proactively share the Federal government's guideline which defines "food supply" and "public works" as critical infrastructure industries. As this epidemic continues, our dealers will remain focused on helping farmers and ranchers plant their crops and tend to their livestock, preserving the food supply across Nebraska, the United States and the world.

Mark Hennessey  
*Chief Executive Officer*



March 23, 2020

The Honorable Governor, Pete Ricketts  
Governor of Nebraska  
P.O. Box 94848  
Lincoln, NE 68509-4848

Dear Governor Ricketts,

The Iowa-Nebraska Equipment Dealers Association representing nearly all of Nebraska's agriculture equipment dealers and construction/industrial dealers are willing, able and prepared to assist and help you in any way that we can with the COVID-19 pandemic.

From the largest dealers in the state to the single store owners, our dealerships are dedicated to ensuring farmers and ranchers have the necessary resources at their disposal to plant their crops and care for their livestock this spring. While Mr. Kevin Kenney's recent letter has attempted to use COVID-19 as a means to gain support to push his Right to Repair agenda, our association is focused on the agricultural production of the state, nation and world's food supply. We are committed to doing everything we can in keeping agricultural production intact without interruption. Our construction and industrial dealers will continue to support public works programs with heavy construction equipment, generators, lighting, pumps and emergency equipment.

The Department of Homeland Security's memorandum on COVID-19 stated:

*"If you work in a critical infrastructure industry, as defined by the Department of Homeland Security, such as healthcare services and pharmaceutical and **food supply**, you have a special responsibility to maintain your normal work schedule."*

For the great state of Nebraska, our agriculture dealerships are operational and serving customers in all parts of the state. Our dealers are prepared to sell new products, service and repair agriculture equipment

wherever and whenever the farmer has a need. Our construction dealerships are committed in keeping Nebraska's public works and infrastructure intact and operational too.

I have spoken to many of them and they are very supportive of your efforts.

If there is anything we can do to help you in navigating through this pandemic, we are at your service. Please don't hesitate to call me on my cell phone at 515.231.7665 or send me an email anytime.

Thank you for your leadership and ability to maintain a steady, calm direction for all of us.

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