April 2, 2020 Updates

Good Morning MNLA Members,

The MNLA Board of Directors recognizes that the safety of our industry, employees, and the general public is our first priority. In effecting change for our industry we strive to give you a choice vs. a mandate on how you run your business. With an extension of the Stay-at-Home order looming, if we don't act now we may lose this choice for the duration of this crisis.

The time has come for all of us to contact our elected officials and let them know that we are ESSENTIAL! We need our Senators and Representatives to go to our Governor and ask her to recognize the updated Federal CISA Guidelines (dated March 28) that include Landscapers as a critical infrastructure workforce (as referenced in Executive Order No. 2020-21)! Currently our Executive Order references the March 19 list that doesn't include us and her office is unwilling to accept this updated list.

The National Association of Landscape Professionals (thank you NALP!) has provided an easy-to-navigate tool. Click <u>HERE</u> to go to this tool. Our message to your Senator and Representative is preloaded. All you have to do is fill in your information and hit the "Send Email" button and the letter is automatically sent to both your Senator and Representative. Everyone in your company should do this—you and your entire team!!!

Contact Amy Upton at amy@mnla.org should you have any questions. Working together, we can make a difference!

Please be safe.

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