



March 26, 2020

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
New York State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo,

The New York State Builders Association (NYSBA) on behalf of the residential building and remodeling industry in New York State requests that you implement the attached safety measures on all residential construction in New York State. NYSBA supports the protection of workers on residential worksites. We urge you to adopt these protections which would be enforced by municipal building code officials. We support the use of a toll free number during this critical period to enable workers to anonymously report violations for enforcement by code officials.

Unfortunately, some contractors have ignored industry wide safety measures and best practices which have been voluntarily adopted. NYSBA implores you not to prohibit residential construction which can continue safely while it's elimination will cause significant economic damage to an economy already facing extreme challenges. Shutting down residential construction throughout the state will bring further paralysis to the economy when mandatory work rules can respond to the problem.

Please don't let the ignorance of a few contractors disrupt a responsible statewide residential building industry.

Sincerely,

William Y. Crowell, III