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To Whom it May Concern:

Governor Evers announced this morning that he is issuing a Safer at Home order that will go into effect Tuesday. We are asking that you join in with the United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1473 and our call on the Governor to designate our members, your employees, as first responders for the purposes of any and all additional state and/or federal benefits . With this designation, all of these workers should receive at least two weeks paid leave, have all costs for testing and treatment of COVID-19 covered and have prioritized assistance with childcare needs. Our members are providing an essential public benefit by standing on the frontlines to provide security to our communities during this crisis and deserve the added security for their families of this designation.

We are also requesting that you provide all workers with a letter stating they are employed in an essential job in retail grocery, food processing/packing, healthcare or logistics, and are required, while not exhibiting symptoms of the virus, to continue working to provide essential services to our community, state, country and the world, and will be on the roads traveling to and from work. This letter will be for employees in case they are stopped by law enforcement. Please send the Union a copy of the letter you will be providing our members.

I thank you in advance for your response and immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John R. Eiden', is written in a cursive style.

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