



Kentucky Association of Manufacturers  
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May 11, 2020

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Senate Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
317 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leader McConnell:

On behalf of manufacturers and small businesses in Kentucky, I urge you to support essential businesses and workers in your state by passing targeted, commonsense reforms to protect against abuses of the legal system that would punish manufacturers who are working tirelessly to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

Manufacturers in Kentucky have done our best to contribute the products and supplies necessary to serve the public amid a cloud of unclear and shifting rules and requirements placed on essential businesses. Under tough circumstances, manufacturers have risen to the moment to form the backbone of our economy and ensure our state's continued function during this difficult moment.

That is why I am asking you to support this critical industry's continued economic recovery by providing manufacturers and other essential businesses in Kentucky with limited and rational protections against lawsuits that threaten to shut down or put out of business essential industries that have contributed so much in our struggle against the coronavirus. Companies that have acted in good faith to protect employees and follow available guidelines should not be exposed to costly legal fees for trying to do the right thing.

Conversely, providing businesses with targeted and limited liability protections is not the same thing as shielding companies from liability for bad acts. We do not seek any reforms that would protect businesses that operate in reckless or intentional disregard of available guidance on reducing the spread of COVID-19.

On behalf of manufacturers in Kentucky, I urge you to provide manufacturers with the peace of mind that they can continue to lean wholly into the fight against COVID-19 and our coming economic recovery without having to fear those efforts being undone by legal fees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee Lingo". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Lee Lingo  
Executive Director  
Kentucky Association of Manufacturers