



July 3, 2020

The Honorable Greg Abbott  
Governor of Texas  
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Dear Governor Abbott:

On behalf of the members of the Texas Business Roundtable, we applaud your efforts to keep Texans working and protected in this unprecedented pandemic crisis. In light of the dramatic spike in COVID-19 cases and increased ICU hospitalizations, face coverings are needed to protect Texans from exposure in public settings, protect Texas jobs, and keep Texas open for business.

The Texas Business Roundtable is comprised of Texas business and trade associations committed to preserving a strong economic climate for Texas business. Texas Business Roundtable member associations collectively represent hundreds of thousands of Texas businesses and their employees.

In the midst of this pandemic, our state and our nation are in uncharted waters and, as our Governor, you have had to make difficult and unprecedented decisions necessary to contain the spread of the virus while supporting Texas businesses and protecting jobs and paychecks.

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas reported over the last few weeks has dramatically increased. This week, the number of new cases has skyrocketed, setting a new record each day. The daily count of new COVID-19 cases passed the 6,000 mark for the first time on Tuesday, June 30th and quickly escalated to over 8,000 cases on Wednesday, July 1st, with 8,076 new cases reported.

With the Fourth of July celebrations upon us, your actions will undoubtedly protect Texans, help contain the spread of the virus, and ensure the sustainability of our state's economy. We thank you for your leadership throughout this pandemic and want to express our gratitude for the tireless efforts of our health professionals, emergency responders, and volunteers who remain on the front lines in this fight!

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