

March 18, 2020

The Honorable Michael Richard Pence  
The Vice President of the United States  
Eisenhower Executive Office Building  
Washington, DC 20501-0005

Dear Mr. Vice President,

On behalf of the RV Industry Association (RVIA) manufacturers and suppliers who make up 98% of the RVs sold in the United States, I want to thank you for your leadership of the White House Coronavirus Task Force (Task Force). Your and the Task Force's measured and thoughtful response and reassuring communication is critical for our country during this time of uncertainty.

As you weigh and implement a host of measures in response to this pandemic, I am writing to provide information to the Task Force and policymakers that the same RV units which provide temporary housing for recreation and camping use can also serve a critical role in times of national emergency. During times of disaster, state and local agencies have used RVs to aid as local command centers, portable offices, temporary housing and other critical uses. Now, when our national needs are great, our members, in conjunction with the RV Dealers Association, plan to proactively take the following actions to help combat this emergency:

- 1) We are prepared to donate 20 RVs to the most critical health care settings in the country, as determined by the Task Force; and
- 2) We will provide an additional 100 RVs, at below market cost, to the settings deemed most critical by the Task Force.

We understand the immense strain that the COVID-19 outbreak is placing on our health care system. Given concerns about hospital capacity, we believe RVs can help by serving as temporary living quarters, office and lab trailers, bathroom and shower trailers, temporary quarantine units or vending and kitchens. Indeed, just this week, the state of Louisiana purchased 80 RVs for such surge capacity.

There are motorhomes and RV trailers located in all 50 states and we can work with our dealers at the Task Force's designation on critical needs. Our industry is committed to playing a vital role in helping combat the public health emergency COVID-19 presents, and we hope to serve as a resource to you and the Task Force as you continue your critical work in addressing this national emergency.

We look forward to working to complement your efforts in protecting the health of our Nation and the safety of our care providers at this critical time.

Sincerely,



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President  
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