



**U.S. Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Prisons  
Federal Prison Industries, Inc.**

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Valued Customer:

In my letter dated March 13, 2020, I promised to keep you apprised of future actions affecting our UNICOR operations. Over the last eighteen (18) days, we have strived to maintain our level of service to you, a valued UNICOR customer. However, while UNICOR operates in a controlled environment, we are not immune to the effects of the coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic plaguing the United States.

In recent weeks, a number of staff and inmates at several of the Bureau of Prisons sites, including those working for FPI, have been diagnosed with COVID-19 similar to the incidence of infection in the general public. As such, the Bureau is seeing an increasing number of Quarantine and Isolation cases in our facilities. Accordingly, the Bureau is seeking to implement additional "social distancing" in our facilities while taking proactive operational measures to mitigate further exposure and spread of COVID-19.

Effective Wednesday, April 1, 2020, the Bureau has enacted a fourteen-day (14) nationwide action to minimize movement to decrease the spread of the virus, which means all UNICOR factories except those currently identified as producing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

The majority of our plants will be closed; however, we at UNICOR are doing our part to answer the call for the common good. America has a shortage of PPE, such as face masks, gowns and face shields as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. So 14 plants will continue to operate producing PPE for the Bureau and potentially other organizations.

I want to thank you for your continued support and the trust you have placed in us. We apologize for the disruption this unavoidable suspension of operations will cause. We hope you and your employees remain healthy and safe as our great nation and the world deal with this global emergency.

Best wishes,

  
Patrick T. O'Connor  
Chief Executive Officer  
Federal Prison Industries, Inc.