



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

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Washington, D.C. 20534*

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Valued Customer:

In my April 1st letter, I pledged to brief you as circumstances change. In recent weeks, many staff and inmates at several of the Bureau of Prisons' facilities, including those working for UNICOR, have tested positive for COVID-19. While we have had no staff deaths, as reported in the news, fourteen inmates within the Bureau of Prisons have died due to COVID-19.

On March 31st, the Bureau implemented additional "social distancing" in our facilities while taking proactive operational measures to mitigate further exposure and spread of COVID-19.

While these measures have been effective, it has been deemed too early to roll back efforts. So the nationwide "social distancing" effort has been extended until May 18, 2020. Once again, this includes all UNICOR factories except those currently identified as producing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and a few operations producing DoD mission critical items.

The majority of our plants will remain closed; however, in this fluid environment, we are trying to service our customers. So the responsible General Manager will be reaching out to you to discuss how we can work together to recover and get back on schedule quickly.

Your continued support and the trust you have placed in us is greatly appreciated. We regret the disruption this continued interruption 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 pandemic.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patrick T. O'Connor".

Patrick T. O'Connor
Chief Executive Officer
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