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HCPA Calls on State and Local Governments to Allow Manufacturers of Critical Products to Maintain Operations During COVID-19 Outbreak

Washington D.C. – The Household & Commercial Products Association (HCPA) released the following statement today, attributed to Steve Caldeira, President & CEO of HCPA, in response to the unintended consequences that gathering restrictions, curfews and other limitations are having on manufacturing operations that are critical to public health.

“While it’s important to observe the restrictions being implemented to contain COVID-19, there needs to be clarity on the types of businesses that are exempt. The fact that manufacturers of essential products – the very products that can kill and help stop the spread of COVID-19 – are not clearly exempted creates unnecessary confusion.

HCPA was part of [a large industry coalition](#) that called on President Trump and state governors to provide clarity for state and local municipalities about what businesses can continue operating during this national emergency, including the manufacturers of cleaning and disinfecting products that can kill and help stop the spread of COVID-19.

We are pleased to see that the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) issued guidance on Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers to help state and local officials as they work to protect their communities.

The manufacturer, ingredients, packaging, distributor and retailer are essential to making sure that Americans have access to the products that keep hospitals, homes and public spaces safe. To that end, we hope state and local officials will adhere to the CISA guidance and allow manufacturers of critical products to maintain operations in service of our country in a time of crisis.”

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About HCPA

The Household & Commercial Products Association (HCPA) is the premier trade association representing companies that manufacture and sell \$180 billion annually of familiar and trusted products used for cleaning, protecting, maintaining, and disinfecting homes and commercial environments. HCPA member companies employ 200,000 people in the U.S. whose work helps consumers and workers to create cleaner, healthier and more productive lives.