



# Western Building Material Association

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## **WBMA Washington Members:**

### **Online Petition to Governor Inslee**

On March 28th, the Federal Department of Homeland Security issued guidance designating construction as essential critical infrastructure workforce. This is not a federal directive or standard however and considered advisory only in nature. It does not supersede state or local orders.

As of this morning a map on the NAHB website shows five states (including Washington) have now deemed construction non-essential to some extent. Other states include Michigan, Pennsylvania, New York and Vermont.

We have heard from many WBMA Washington members frustrated with Governor Inslee's order and concerned with the devastating impact to the economy.

WBMA members, industry groups, construction workers, coalitions of Mayors and the state Senate Republican Caucus have all contacted the Governors office and other legislators requesting Governor Inslee to include construction as an essential activity. As of this morning he has not made any changes to his directive.

Visit our homepage at [www.wbma.org](http://www.wbma.org) and find a link to an on-line petition asking Governor Inslee to rescind his order and include construction as an essential activity.

If you would like to send a message directly to the Governors office, use this link is to the official webform. <https://www.governor.wa.gov/contact/contact/send-gov-inslee-e-message>  
You can also link to the webform at [www.wbma.org](http://www.wbma.org)'s home page.

We will continue to monitor this issue and report any updates as we become aware of them. If you have any questions or comments, please email [casey@wbma.org](mailto:casey@wbma.org) or call our office at 360-943-3054.

*The WBMA Office is not classified as an essential business, however we are working remotely and available to return messages and phone calls. We will continue to monitor COVID-19 as it relates to the LBM industry and provide updates as they develop.*

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