



March 25th, 2020

The Honourable Bill Blair
Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness
269 Laurier Avenue West
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Minister Blair,

On behalf of the over 1,000 craft brewers in Canada, I am requesting that our industry be considered during the creation of a list of essential services.

As you may know, craft breweries have been appearing in almost every Canadian town and city. Besides beginning a trend for greater beer appreciation, craft brewers across the country have also rejuvenated dozens of local economies. From establishing themselves in abandoned warehouses and stores to creating tens of thousands of direct and indirect jobs, craft brewers are an essential part of Canada's economy. Many have brought jobs back to rural towns and are constantly growing and benefiting their local communities.

Craft brewers have also become an essential part of the supply chain for beverages. To this end, the United States Department of Homeland Security included "beverage production facilities" and "employees and firms supporting food, feed, and beverage distribution" in their Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce. Furthermore, both the recently published essential services lists in Quebec and Ontario also listed beverage producers.

In order to keep the supply chain intact and support craft brewers across Canada, we are requesting that our industry be considered during the creation of the Federal Government's list of essential services.

Thank you,

Rick Dalmazzi
Executive Director
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