



March 18, 2020

President Donald J. Trump
The White House
Office of the President
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump:

The Recreation Vehicle Dealers Association (RVDA) is the national trade association representing companies that sell, service, and rent recreation vehicles (RVs). RVDA represents more than 2,600 RV dealerships with annual sales over \$15 billion dollars. The majority of RV dealers are small businesses as defined by the Small Business Administration.

As our nation continues to confront the COVID-19 challenge, RVDA wants to bring to your attention the importance of ensuring that consumers have access to safe and well-functioning motorhome and travel trailers used for travel and temporary housing. It is vital that RV repair, maintenance, and sales facilities be considered essential operations when federal, state, and local officials impose certain requirements due to the coronavirus outbreak. It is notable that several of these local orders consider “gas stations, and auto-supply, auto-repair, and related facilities” to be essential services. Similarly, plumbers and electricians are considered essential services to maintain the safety and sanitation of residences.

Not only do RV service departments maintain the safe operation of motorhomes and travel trailers as motor vehicle repair businesses, but they also work on the plumbing and electrical systems in the RVs and maintain generators. Nearly every RV service department supplies propane services such as inspection and fill-ups for customers. Similarly, RV sales are essential services, as many people rely on RVs for temporary housing at campgrounds and RV parks. There is also a population of RVers that travel fulltime. RVs are also currently being used as COVID-19 mobile test centers and temporary quarantine quarters because they provide a safe, controlled environment.

RVs also provide the opportunity for social distancing in the outdoors. RV trips are an alternative to travel by airplane and cruises. It is important to keep the industry open for business so that Americans can safely enjoy the outdoors and travel with family.

Thank you for your efforts to combat COVID-19 and your prompt attention to this urgent matter.

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RVDA UPDATE

RV Dealers and Essential Business Services

RVDA has sent a letter to President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence detailing essential services provided to the nation by RV dealers in the wake of the COVID-19 virus outbreak.

As states and local governments issue operating guidance to businesses, RVDA said it is important to ensure "that consumers have access to safe and well-functioning motorhomes and travel trailers used for travel and temporary housing. It is vital that RV repair, maintenance, and sales facilities be considered essential operations when federal, state, and local officials impose certain requirements due to the coronavirus outbreak. It is notable that several of these local orders consider gas stations, and auto-supply, auto-repair, and related facilities to be essential services. Similarly, plumbers and electricians are considered essential services to maintain the safety and sanitation of residences."

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To read the full text of the letter to President Trump, [click here](#). RVDA members are urged to share this letter with their federal, state, and local government representatives as appropriate.

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