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I want to continue to express our appreciation for all that you are doing for not only all of Ohioans but for all of Ohio's Businesses. I especially applaud your efforts to get FDA approval for the new Battelle Technology that will be able to decontaminate our much needed masks. Your efforts to get this done so quickly shows your true leadership and we are proud to have you as our Governor and Lt. Governor.

As you know my industry plays a critical role during this crisis in ensuring that our communities are fed and have access to food. I write today to express our strong concern that our industry is facing a dire need for additional PPE as well. While we certainly understand and appreciate the need to get our health care system as many supplies as possible, it is also critical that our industry is also remembered in this need.

We have a shortage of gloves, that we not only use for preparing and handling food – but also for our employees (cashiers/baggers and others) to protect them and our customers. Hand sanitizers are also in short supply. And the question is becoming increasingly urgent among grocery employees as to their need for masks.

We know you are aware of the shortage, and today I ask that you hear our industry's concern. This shortage is not just in the health sector but the food one as well. We want to keep our employees safe and we want to be able to keep our stores open to serve our communities.

Any help in this area would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for allowing me to submit our concerns.

Stay well,



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