**RHODE ISLAND ESSENTIAL CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE WORKER**

[INSERT DATE]

To whom it may concern:

This letter identifies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as an Essential Critical Infrastructure Worker who works at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, located at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The President’s Coronavirus Guidance for America states that “If you work in a critical infrastructure industry, as defined by the Department of Homeland Security, such as healthcare services and pharmaceutical and **food supply**, you have a special responsibility to maintain your normal work schedule.” Likewise, Rhode Island Governor Gina M. Raimondo prohibited on premises consumption of food or drink at any restaurant, bar or other establishment that offers food or drink, but her Order expressly allows for “such establishments to continue to offer food and non-alcoholic beverages for take-out and delivery in accordance with the social distancing protocols and guidance set forth by RIDOH.”

Furthermore, in accordance with the President’s mandate, and in collaboration with other federal agencies and the private sector, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) developed a list of “Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers” that identified as essential the following categories of food supply workers:

* Workers supporting retail that sells food and beverage products;
* Restaurant carry-out and quick serve food operations - Carry-out and delivery food employees;
* Company cafeterias - in-plant cafeterias used to feed employees;
* Employees and firms supporting food, feed, and beverage distribution, including warehouse workers, vendor-managed inventory controllers and blockchain managers;
* Workers supporting the sanitation of all food manufacturing processes and operations from wholesale to retail;
* Workers in food testing labs in private industries and in institutions of higher education; and,
* Workers essential for assistance programs and government payments.

The employee whose name appears above is required to maintain his or her normal work schedule in order to maintain proper operations of our food supply establishment, which has been designated as part of our nation’s critical infrastructure. As a result, the holder of this letter must be able to travel to go to and/or from work throughout the day and night.

Therefore, I request that you please allow this food supply worker to continue to travel to and from his/her place of employment in accordance with his/her status as an Essential Critical Infrastructure Worker for the duration of this national emergency.

Please contact \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Thank you,

[INSERT NAME]

[INSERT TITLE]