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The Ohio Manufacturers' Association Supports the DeWine Administration's Proactive Measures to Slow Spread of Coronavirus, Address Economic Hardships

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The Ohio Manufacturers' Association today signaled support for the proactive steps taken by Gov. Mike DeWine and his administration to slow the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

OMA President Eric Burkland said: "Ohio manufacturers recognize that this health care crisis is unlike anything our nation has faced in modern times. The administration has made a tough decision based on the latest data and the nation's leading medical experts, as well as the recent experience of other nations. The OMA supports the administration's decision to proactively address the public health crisis, while also starting to focus on the massive economic challenge that lies ahead.

"The governor's decisive actions are buying us more time. Every day we delay the spread that we know is coming, the stronger Ohio and our nation will be in the months and years to come."

The OMA encourages its members and the rest of the Ohio business community to frequently check and always adhere to the advice of the <u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</u>, as well as the Ohio Department of Health.

If you have questions regarding how to protect your employees and prepare for COVID-19, the Ohio coronavirus call center can be reached at 1-833-4-ASK-ODH. The center operates seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily, and staff includes infectious disease experts.

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The Ohio Manufacturers' Association is Ohio's largest statewide business association comprised solely of manufacturers. Established in 1910, the OMA's mission is protect and grow Ohio's manufacturing industry, while representing small and large manufacturers in every sector of the industry. Manufacturing is Ohio's largest economic sector, employs more than 700,000 Ohioans, and contributes more than \$100 billion annually to the state economy. For more on the OMA, visit ohiomfg.com – or follow us on LinkedIn, Twitter and Facebook.

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