

April 8, 2020

Governor Steve Bullock
Office of the Governor
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Dear Governor Bullock:

I am writing on behalf of America's Power to commend you for including power generation and its supply chain as essential infrastructure in your March 26 "Directive Implementing Executive Orders 2-2020 and 3-2020 Providing Measures to Stay at Home and Designating Certain Essential Functions."

America's Power represents the major industries that are involved in producing electricity from coal.

Your Directive is consistent with the addition recently of coal-fueled power plants and their supply chain to the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) list of "[essential critical infrastructure](#)" that needs to remain operational during the COVID-19 crisis to support public health and safety, as well as economic and national security. The DHS list is a clear indication of how important it is to support the continued operation of coal-fueled power plants and their supply chain during this crisis.

Long before the COVID-19 crisis, the nation's fleet of coal-fueled power plants demonstrated that it is an essential part of the electricity supply by helping to assure the electricity grid is both reliable and resilient, providing fuel security, serving as an insurance policy against electricity shortages and price spikes, producing affordable electricity, contributing to fuel diversity, and supporting national security.

America's Power appreciates your leadership during this uniquely challenging time and thanks you for issuing this Directive.

Sincerely,



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President and CEO