

April 8, 2020

Governor Bill Lee
State Capitol
600 Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Blvd.
Nashville, TN 37243

Dear Governor Lee:

I am writing on behalf of America's Power to commend you for including power generation and its supply chain as essential businesses in Executive Order 22, "An Order Directing Tennesseans To Stay Home Unless Engaging In Essential Activities To Limit Their Exposure To And Spread Of COVID-19." America's Power represents the major industries that are involved in producing electricity from coal.

Your Executive Order is consistent with the recent addition 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 the coal fleet and its supply chain during this crisis. Both are important to Tennessee and its citizens.

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 thanks you for your leadership during this crisis and for issuing Executive Order 22.

Sincerely,



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President and CEO