

An open letter to Colorado Municipal & County Officials:

First, I'd like to thank you all for your service in the midst of this storm. Second, as we sort through how best to protect our families, staff and communities, we feel being able to keep working is essential to our economy and our ultimate recovery.

My wife and I own a small company, EnergyLogic, with 65 employees across the Front Range. We conduct energy and quality assurance inspections for new home builders. Our inspection work is a component of a home's code compliance. We took immediate action to allow all employees to work from home and for our inspectors on new home job sites to practice social distancing and follow cleaning protocols to limit the spread of the corona virus. Our energy raters who had any sign of illness (and our skiers who had been in the high country) have been taken out of the field and assigned work they can do at home. Our builder clients have also taken similar steps and we are all working together to make sure jobs sites are places where transmission is limited.

Homebuilding is critical to our short- and long-term success here in Colorado. As you well know, we already have a serious situation around affordability. That situation will get progressively worse as construction slows. We're all looking for ways to keep things moving and EnergyLogic is no exception.

Yesterday, March 19, 2020, we conducted a webinar for building officials from all over Front Range Colorado. The subject was remote inspection protocols and lessons learned. At EnergyLogic, we've been a pioneer in this area within the context of HERS Quality Assurance. While we had to pull this together "on the fly" we had fifty building officials attend and had a great interaction with them. Our objective was to find ways to keep inspections going while staying safe. It might be slower and we certainly have some things to figure out, but it can work.

We saw shortly after our session was over that the Colorado Association of Home Builders had issued an [open letter](#) to Governor Polis. In that letter, the CAHB stated:

"Additionally, it's imperative that permit and inspection personnel at all levels are available to keep these systems operational."

That is precisely what we are trying to help accomplish. As of my writing this, California and New York have instituted even more restrictions on their populations. Yet, for both states, construction has been deemed as critical and has been permitted to continue. I'm referencing this in a letter we're sending to Governor Polis today.

We'll all be challenged by this crisis. We've yet to even deal with potential supply chain disruptions and buyer demand destruction, but I know we'll all do what we can. Thanks for all of your efforts.

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