

March 20, 2020  
The Honorable Jared Polis  
State Capitol 200 East Colfax Denver, Colorado 80203

Dear Governor Polis:

I'd like to personally thank you and your staff for all your efforts in this crisis. These are trying times and I'm grateful for your strong and thoughtful leadership.

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 Coronavirus. 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.

As of this morning, California and New York have initiated even greater restrictions on their populations. In each state however, construction has been deemed critical and is being permitted to continue. But no matter how safe we trades and builders can make our interactions on the job site, in order for construction to continue, we need city, county and state government building departments to continue to perform inspections throughout the building process. I recently saw an open letter from the Colorado Association of Home Builders and several other signatories to you. One sentence in particular caught my eye:

*It's imperative that permit and inspection personnel at all levels are available to keep these systems operational.*

It's true! Unless we can collaborate with government to facilitate safe inspection protocols for building inspectors, our industry will grind to a halt.

Toward that end, EnergyLogic conducted an impromptu webinar yesterday for building officials from Colorado to discuss remote inspection protocols and lessons learned. We've been a pioneer in our industry on the topic and wanted to do our part to help keep Coloradans working, albeit, with safety as our priority.

As you are very aware, we have a crisis of affordability in Colorado. It's one of my company's focus areas. While we're certainly going to see a slowdown in construction for economic reasons, anything we can do to keep building will reduce the inevitable negative impact on affordability. It's certainly a concern from yesterday and for tomorrow and not today. Safety for all Coloradans comes first.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to a post-crisis future in which we return to making Colorado the very best place to live, work and grow.

Sincerely,

Steve Byers  
CEO – EnergyLogic

