



ILLINOIS OIL & GAS ASSOCIATION

The Honorable Governor JB Pritzker  
207 State House  
Springfield, IL 62702

March 23, 2020

Dear Governor Pritzker,

Thank you on behalf of Illinois' Oil and Gas industry for your aggressive leadership while working to protect state residents during the COVID-19 crisis. We appreciate your quick response to this unprecedented pandemic.

Protecting our employees is our number one priority. We take the COVID-19 threat very seriously and have taken actions across our industry, as you have directed, ranging from social distancing to placing workers in work-from-home situations. Production and the transfers needed to transport products to market can be done safely while continuing to serve the critical needs of fueling our state.

I am also writing to you to be sure you and your team are aware of the essential need for continued operations of the Illinois Oil and Gas industry. The product our members produce is not only vital to our state's infrastructure but will also help to move and produce the products necessary to keep Illinois' citizens supplied with the essentials needed for their lives at home. When further considering any additional directives, we want to make sure that you are aware that oil wells need to be monitored and maintained on a regular basis. We are proud of our member's commitment to protecting the environment as well as the importance of our contribution to the economy in Southern Illinois.

Thank you again for your service to our state in these trying times. We will continue to encourage our employees to follow the guidelines outlined on your webpage for COVID-19. Please feel free to have your staff contact me for more information at my cell 618-322-2550 or email at [bryan@shakespeare-oil.com](mailto:bryan@shakespeare-oil.com).

Stay Safe,

Bryan Hood  
President, Illinois Oil and Gas Association