

International Association of Certified Home Inspectors

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Dear Gov. Wolf,

As a Pennsylvania native and the founder of the International Association of Certified Home Inspectors – InterNACHI® – I'm writing to ask you to consider adding the home inspectors in your state who have successfully completed our COVID-19 Safety Course to your state's list of essential workers.

Based on information and materials from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, InterNACHI® has developed an online course to help keep inspectors safe on the job, which is called COVID-19 Safety Guidelines for Home Inspectors and Contractors. It is a free course open to all home inspectors, contractors, and real estate professionals, regardless of whether they're a member of our association. InterNACHI's educational courses are accredited by the U.S. Dept. of Education, along with many individual states and governmental agencies. We're proposing that you require home inspectors in your state to complete this online course in order to be added to your list of essential workers, thus protecting the home inspection industry in your state, as well as the consumers that the home inspectors come into contact with.

We believe that the residential real estate market can benefit when time-sensitive transactions are allowed to move forward, as long as appropriate health and safety guidelines are followed. Furthermore, home-buying and home-selling consumers, as well as those who want home inspections performed for reasons of confirming repairs and locating hazards, among others, will be adequately protected by their home inspectors, who perform a vital public service.

InterNACHI® is the largest association of home inspectors in the world, offering training and certification, as well as benefits and support, to its nearly 25,000 members. Their safety, and that of their clients, is always of the utmost importance, and never so much as now. I urge you to consider my proposal to allow home inspectors in your state – regardless of association affiliation – to get back to work after having passed InterNACHI's COVID-19 Safety Guidelines for Home Inspectors and Contractors course. You can view and take the course yourself at www.nachi.org/covid-19-safety-standards.

If you have any questions, I am available day or night at <u>nick@internachi.org</u> or 720-272-8578. Thank you for all you do for my home state, and for serving its citizens with such excellent leadership, especially in the midst of this crisis.

Sincerely,

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