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Your feedback is important to us. We would like to know how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted your organization, and how you think it will shape the next three to six months. **We have extended the deadline for our CEO survey, allowing more members to offer their input. Click here to complete the survey.**

*POLITICO’s Huddle reported* this morning on internal polling conducted late last month for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. According to the data obtained, “52 percent of respondents said Congress ‘needs to invest more’ in its coronavirus response.” As we continue to hear about member companies suffering economic hardship as a result of the phased reopening plans, this data does not come as a surprise to us.

AEM’s Advocacy Team continues to push the White House and the U.S. Congress on more funding to help small and medium-sized businesses struggling to keep the doors open and American families needing to put food on the table. These efforts include a letter to the Trump administration calling for additional funding to help shore up state departments of transportation who have seen their budgets evaporate, as well as a letter to all 100 U.S. Senators to pass legislation that will address the infrastructure maintenance backlog within our National Park System.

Here are some of today’s other developments:

**Share Your Insight – Complete Our CEO Survey**
We recently deployed the second round of our [CEO survey](#) to help us better understand how the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact member companies, identify the challenges facing executives, and understand the outlook for the next three to six months. We plan to share the results soon and will provide an update on how we’re able to leverage them. **Click here to complete the survey.** Please don’t hesitate to [email me](#) if you have any questions.

**AEM Continues to Urge Congress, White House to Support Infrastructure Investment**
Late last week, AEM continued leading the push for infrastructure funding by joining dozens of organizations on letters to the Administration and federal lawmakers. [The first letter](#) pressed the White House to support a nearly $50 billion infusion for state departments of transportation that are facing dramatic reductions in revenue as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. These revenue losses threaten critical infrastructure projects and the jobs that are
supported by them. AEM has led numerous letters in support of this emergency funding, including a letter from AEM Board Chair Jeff Reed and CE Sector Board Chair Rod Schrader to U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Secretary Elaine Chao.

AEM also worked with other national organizations to urge Senate passage of S. 3422, the Great American Outdoors (GAO) Act. The letter to all Senators stresses the positive impact the legislation will have on improving infrastructure within national parks by providing $9.5 billion over five years to help address a more than $20 billion maintenance backlog.

AEM Sends Letter to Canadian Infrastructure Minister to Support Investment Funding
In a letter to Minister of Infrastructure and Communities Catherine McKenna, AEM’s Dennis Slater urged the Canadian government to include infrastructure investment as part of their recovery relief efforts. Slater writes, “I write to you to express our full support for including major new infrastructure investment as a key component of a successful recovery package. Significant investment in Canada’s transportation networks, public transit, bridges, broadband networks, waterways, airports, and utilities will help support job growth and retention at a time of great economic uncertainty.” Read the full letter.

ICYMI: AEM’s Dennis Slater Highlights COVID-19 Best Practices
On Thursday, AEM’s Dennis Slater joined Janet Adkison on RFD-TV to highlight best practices for COVID-19 management. Thanks to the input from AEM members, we were able to compile protocol and ideas to share within our association, strengthening our industry’s response to the pandemic. Watch Dennis’ interview.

State Activities
AEM has been monitoring activities taken by Governors as they continue to issue closure and reopening orders. We are in close contact with their staff to make the case that our industry is establishing health and safety protocols to protect both employees and customers. Notable for today’s update is that the Governors of Oregon and Pennsylvania announced the resumption of limited operations for certain businesses in the coming days. The Governors of Connecticut, New York, and West Virginia published important guidance and information for businesses.

Now that state governments are transitioning into re-opening strategies, we are providing a new U.S. map showing when state shelter-in-place orders and stay-at-home advisories expire.
Canada Activities

Today’s highlights from the provinces include:

- **Alberta**: The province has announced additional supports to help small and medium-sized businesses during economic relaunch.
- **Newfoundland and Labrador**: The province has announced measures to assist the mining, mineral exploration, and quarry industries.
- **Ontario**: The province has announced it has extended all emergency orders currently in force until June 19. However, the province has announced it is moving forward with a regional approach to Stage 2 of reopening the province beginning on June 12.
- **Quebec**: The province has announced it intends to compensate landlords who subscribe to the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA) for 50% of their losses.
- **Saskatchewan**: The province has announced temporary commercial eviction protection for small business tenants during the COVID-19 emergency.

We continue to update our resources on Canadian activities on [AEM’s COVID-19 resources page](https://www.aem.org/covid-19). You can also click here for the latest updates from [Ottawa and all the provinces](https://www.aem.org/covid-19).

Do you have questions or need to get a hold of AEM’s Advocacy Team? E-mail our Response Team at [responseteam@aem.org](mailto:responseteam@aem.org) with any questions or feedback.
As always, if you have any questions about AEM’s ongoing efforts, need assistance with a specific issue, or would like to share how the unfolding COVID-19 pandemic is impacting your business, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at keideberg@aem.org.

Best,

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