To the people of Louisiana’s chemical industry,

I want to thank you for all you have done to prevent the spread of the coronavirus within our facilities. Your diligence and commitment has kept the industry’s essential workers safe and healthy while you continue your important work providing the tools our nation needs to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

Throughout the last three months, chemical facilities in the state have implemented industry best practices and CDC-recommended safety protocols to protect employees and their families. Companies have collaborated on these efforts by compiling and sharing their strategies, including implementing remote work policies, enhancing cleaning methods and restructuring workforce schedules to minimize exposure and increase social distancing.

Leaders in our facilities are going above and beyond to care for employees during this trying time. Companies have designed creative, effective ways to help address care for employee mental health, physical health and safety through different proactive programming and education. Your thorough application of these measures has successfully contained and prevented the spread of the virus within our facilities when our products are needed more than ever.

Before Louisiana recorded its first positive case of COVID-19, the people of the chemical industry were working day and night to produce the raw materials needed to manufacture hand sanitizer, face masks, IV bags and other equipment. Some facilities even reconfigured their manufacturing sites to produce these end products directly onsite. These materials were not only shipped out nationwide to keep frontline workers safe and healthy, but were eventually produced to be used right here in Louisiana homes and hospitals to protect our families and communities.

I am proud of the resilience the people of Louisiana’s chemical industry have shown and continue to show every day to protect each other and provide our loved ones with the tools needed to face this virus. While we continue to combat COVID-19 as we get back to a "new normal," I am confident you will continue the hard work and dedication you’ve demonstrated consistently during the last three months. We appreciate you today and every day.

All the Best,

Gregory M. Bowser
LCA and LCIA CEO and President