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Governor Tony Evers
115 East, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Governor Evers,

On behalf of the Wisconsin golf industry, we would like to extend our appreciation for your administration's support of allowing golf courses in Wisconsin to continue to maintain their turfgrass and keep their properties secure during the COVID-19 crisis. While the situation continues to evolve and change by the hour, we felt it was important to pause for a moment to simply say thank you for helping protect the 500 golf courses around the state.

We fully support the Safer at Home order and recognize that nothing is more important than public health and safety. We also fully support the message by you and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to get outside and stay active while practicing proper social distancing. As we all try to prepare for what is to come during these uncertain times, please know that the golf industry has quickly adapted to make the game even safer for players and staff. As an industry we have proactively put the following safety and social distancing guidelines in place to allow golf to be among the first outdoor activities to resume, possibly even before April 24th if Safer at Home measures continue to be effective.

- ✓ Advance notice of re-opening to allow time for communication and implementation.
- ✓ Reduced course capacity (greater spacing between groups, etc).
- ✓ Clubhouses and pro shops remain closed.
- ✓ Payments made online or over the phone only to avoid physical contact.
- ✓ All practice facilities closed.
- ✓ Walking only (no motorized golf carts).
- ✓ Flagsticks removed or touchless accommodation (raised cup liners, etc).
- ✓ Course objects removed that could be touched (ball washers, rakes, water jugs, etc).
- ✓ Golfers should arrive right before their scheduled time and leave immediately after.
- ✓ Appropriate signage placed outside the pro shop and clubhouse outlining the social distancing guidelines in place per the Safer at Home order.

Respectfully,

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