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Dear Construction Industry Partners:

In the midst of the COVID-19 crisis, the North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters has tried to be supportive of its signatory contractors who are working on construction projects that have not been shut down, while at the same time, trying to ensure that there is a safe working environment for all of the carpenter members on those jobs.

In recent days as the number of COVID-19 confirmed cases and deaths has dramatically increased, it has become apparent that working on construction sites in Massachusetts is abnormally dangerous, and that continuing to work on construction sites poses an immediate threat of harm to the health and safety of my members and the public. Unfortunately, despite their best efforts, owners and contractors have been unable to effectively establish and maintain the CDC's and public health experts' "social distancing" and health and safety procedures on the sites.

For these reasons, I am notifying you that effective Monday, April 6, 2020, I am directing all of my members to cease working until it is safe to do so. This directive will not apply to any health facilities being built to address the COVID-19 crisis.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Flynn
Executive Secretary-Treasurer