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Honourable Blaine Higgs, Premier
Province of New Brunswick
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RE: Moving New Brunswick forward – COVID-19 Recovery

Dear Premier Higgs,

As fellow New Brunswickers, the design and construction industry are proud of how our province has united in efforts to flatten the curve and save lives. Our 900 + member companies with close to 50,000 employees want to say thank-you for your leadership in this time of crisis. Employers have stepped up to the challenge, with stringent measures in place to protect workers, their families, and the communities where we are able to operate.

The design and construction industry are not only essential to the quality of life in our province, we will be an essential partner in leading the country out of the recession. For every dollar invested in infrastructure, there is a .4x to 1.5 multiplier in return. We are proud to work as essential services and support the critical work of frontline health care workers.

We understand it may take many months to return to a new definition of normal and we want to assure you and your team, that you can rely on the design and construction industry to partner with you throughout this process. Economists agree that we will be in recession coming out of this pandemic and to keep New Brunswickers working, we feel a stimulus package will be needed. As you are aware, architectural design and engineering are at the fore front of all construction projects. We need to engage the architectural and engineering companies in order to have projects ready for this construction season.

Our members are ready and able to lead our province back to recovery, and this can be done through a thoughtful economic stimulus package, which prioritizes shovel-ready projects. Our associations support a stimulus package and resulting projects which will put our business owners and employees to work this year to return revenue flow. Flood mitigation projects are needed and will provide an excellent balance in our industry.

We wish to congratulate you for your excellent efforts to date. We are proud to have played a role in providing essential services in support of our frontline healthcare workers, now is the time to continue to work together in getting New Brunswick functioning to its full potential. We are here to help make that happen and would be pleased to participate in any discussions that are needed in this regard.

Sincerely,

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