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ECIA Requests Federal Government to Include Industry as “Essential Business”

Atlanta – ECIA today asked the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), within the Department of Homeland Security, to include electronic component manufacturers and their authorized distributors as part of the country’s critical infrastructure and as essential businesses. While it is ECIA’s interpretation that electronic component manufacturers and their supply chains are essential businesses and exempt for purposes of state/local shelter-in-place, stay-in-place and similar orders, the CISA guidance document does not specifically mention the industry. The request further stated that authorized electronic component distributors fulfill a vital role in the supply chain and should also be considered part of the critical infrastructure and designated as essential businesses.

[Click here](#) to read a complete copy of the CISA submission and ECIA General Counsel [Robin Gray's March 23 article](#) outlining the Federal Guidance on Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce. ECIA has also posted a spreadsheet that notes each state’s actions with regard to COVID.

Refer to ECIA’s [Coronavirus Resource](#) page for a list of reputable sites and information.

About ECIA

The Electronic Components Industry Association (ECIA) is made up of the leading electronic component manufacturers, their manufacturer representatives and authorized distributors. ECIA members share a common goal of promoting and improving the business environment for the authorized sale of electronic components. Comprised of a broad array of leaders and professionals representing all phases of the electronics components supply chain, ECIA is where business optimization, product authentication and industry advocacy come together. ECIA members develop industry guidelines and technical standards, as well as generate critical business intelligence. For more information, visit www.ecianow.org or call 678-393-9990.