

March 31, 2020

MNLA Retail Garden Center Members,

We just finished a conference call with the Director of the MI Dept of Ag & Rural Development and he has asked that we send a letter to him outlining our request for the state to allow our garden centers to reopen in a safe/limited fashion. He is willing to take it to the Governor for us!

I've had our national organizations write the letter and would like to include as many garden center firms as possible on the signature page. It would be after this language:

"We as Michigan independent retail garden centers wish to affiliate with and support the position and recommendations put forth in the March 31, 2020 communication to Governor Whitmer by AmericanHort and the Michigan Nursery & Landscape Association."

**If you want your firm to be included on this letter please respond with a YES. I'm sending this letter by 9:00 am tomorrow morning.**

Thank you and I hope to hear from you soon!

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