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Dear Governor Baker:

On behalf of the Massachusetts Chemistry & Technology Alliance (MCTA), I thank your administration for its leadership in containing the spread of COVID-19 in the Commonwealth and insuring that residents and health care institutions have the resources they need to deal with the impact of the pandemic. In respect for the demands on your time, I am keeping this letter short and to the point.

Please know that my members have risen to the occasion as they experience a surge in demand for chemicals and products. At the same time, they are trying to meet the needs of their employees who are parents, have elderly parents or are deemed at-risk.

MCTA is requesting that the Administration work with its agencies to extend compliance deadlines for companies in the midst of the systems upgrades needed to comply with regulations and enforcement orders. We are not requesting that these orders or regulations be lifted, only that companies who cannot meet them because of a demonstrated inability to secure components, install systems and retrain operators may have an extension on deadlines for compliance.

Lastly, we are requesting that the Administration extend filing deadlines for state-mandated reports. The reports are time-intensive and oftentimes require the on-site presence of a consultant to collect data, assess operations to comply with newly promulgated regulations and guidance, inspect systems and secure signatures. Again, we are not requesting a wholesale stoppage of the need for reporting, just an extension of deadlines.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathy Robertson".

Katherine Robertson  
Executive Director