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Commissioner

North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

To whom it may concern,

Commissioner Troxler recognizes that all agricultural workers, including, but not limited to Christmas tree farm workers, are critical infrastructure workers as set forth in Guidance from the CDC and the U.S. Department of Labor (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-agricultural-workers.html>).

Specifically, this guidance states that “Workers on farms, ranches, and other production agriculture work sites are considered critical infrastructure workers within the Food and Agriculture Sector.” This guidance recommends that all agriculture work sites follow, as feasible, relevant aspects of CDC guidance, including but not limited to CDC’s Critical Infrastructure Guidance.

Sincerely,

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