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Date: March 24, 2020
From: AIA Team
RE: **Texas Bail Bonding – An Essential Service**

Please see the below letter prepared by our Texas Attorney, Ken Good, for Harris, Cameron and Dallas Counties. The letter outlines the rationale behind why bail is considered an essential business based on the “Stay at Home” Orders issued in those counties. If you want a copy of the letter emailed to you or if you have any questions about your county, please contact Eric Granof at eric.granof@aiaSurety.com or call him at 818.337.6024.

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Harris County Agents for Allegheny Casualty Company
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Re: Harris County “Stay at Home Order” Issued March 24, 2020

Dear Agent:

I am writing to you as Texas Counsel for Allegheny Casualty Company and International Fidelity Insurance Company. As you are aware, today Harris County issued a “Stay at Home Order” that will go into effect this evening.

The order states all individuals currently living within Harris County are ordered to stay at their place of residence except for Essential Activities as defined by the order. Additionally, residents of Harris County may leave their residence for “Essential Activities” or to operate “Essential Businesses” as defined in Section 2.

Under Section 2 (a) of the order, states that the definition of “Essential Activities” is defined, in part, to include the following:

- iv. To perform work providing essential products and services as an Essential Business or to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in this Order.

Under Section 2 (b) of the order, “Essential Businesses” include:

- i. **Essential Critical Infrastructure.** Work necessary to the operations and maintenance of the 16 critical infrastructure sectors identified by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security National Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), provided that they carry out those services or that work in compliance with social distancing requirements of six feet to the extent possible.
- ii. **Essential Government Functions.** All services provided by local governments and municipalities located in Harris County needed to ensure their continuing operation to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the public, including law enforcement, jail operations **and other services.** Further, nothing in this Order shall prohibit any individual from performing “Essential Government Functions.” All Essential Government Functions shall be performed in compliance with social distancing requirements of six feet to the extent possible.

I have concluded that your business is an “Essential Business” that is exempt from the “Remain At Home Order.” Your business performs essential activities that are included in the activities that make up “Essential Business.” Specifically, you are part of the services that support the jail operations. This opinion is consistent with the conclusions of multiple other counties in Texas. The Cameron County Attorney’s office has concluded that bondsmen are “Essential Businesses” under the CISA Guidelines. Further, this opinion is consistent with the conclusion reached by Dallas County as well. Therefore, if you chose to keep your office open during this time, you are permitted to do so under the “Stay At Home Order.”

We are providing you this letter for your records as documentation and support of your decision to remain open during this time.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

THE GOOD LAW FIRM

Ken W. Good