

To whom it may concern,

I am an employee working in the **agriculture** industry. The federal government has declared that agriculture is a **“critical” industry** whose operations, “have a special responsibility to maintain [their] normal work schedule.” Additionally, the guidance outlines agriculture-related activities including everything from farm operations and workers, to workers engaged in carrying out agricultural government programs, to workers and businesses engaged in the manufacture and repair of farm equipment.

On March 22nd, Governor Polis identified agriculture as “critical” to the state of Colorado and therefore not subject to many restrictions issued by his administration in response to COVID-19. *Critical Infrastructure definition includes but is not limited to* **“food and plant cultivation, including farming crops, livestock, food processing and manufacturing, animal feed and feed products, rendering, commodity sales, and any other work critical to the operation of any component of the food supply chain.”** The order identifies various industries as exempt from the order to reduce in-person workforces by 50%.

Agriculture requires all different types of travel to and between farms, ranches and other types of operations. Which is why you find me on the road today. We are doing our best to *practice social distancing and healthy habits* while we continue to produce food, fiber and fuel for our communities, state and nation.

Employer: _____

Title/Position: _____

Employee Name Print: _____

Employee Signature: _____

Employer Signature: _____

Please contact _____ at this phone number _____ if you have any questions or concerns about my travel.

Thank you.

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