

## Make Your Voice Heard

- Write your own letter or use the sample letter below.
- Email to your Governor and copy both of your U.S. Senators and your U.S. Representative.

Let us know you sent a letter with a quick email to [Jeanne@seniorshousing.org](mailto:Jeanne@seniorshousing.org). If you have any questions or suggestions for how ASHA can be helpful to your efforts, please feel free to reach out anytime. Good luck as you continue to address this important health crisis.

Thank you!

## SAMPLE LETTER

Dear Governor:

I appreciate your efforts to address COVID-19 in our state. As a resident of (insert State) and an (owner/operator) of (insert name of Company), I write to seek your intervention into what is becoming a very serious matter, the shortage or unavailability of critical and necessary medical supplies. My resident base consists of the very people who the CDC has identified as the most vulnerable to COVID-19, seniors with underlying medical conditions. I along with my staff are on the front lines every day of this public health crisis and need the required tools to effectively prevent and/or mitigate community spread.

Specifically, we currently have a very limited inventory of N-95 masks, gowns, gloves, antiseptic wipes, hand sanitizer and other Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). However, we fear future needs will not be met without your assistance.

My trade association, the American Seniors Housing Association (ASHA) has shared these concerns with the federal government by weighing in with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Since the state government is controlling most policies and communications associated with responding to COVID-19, I submit my request to you and seek your intervention.

As new or additional supplies become available, I urge you to direct the State Department of Health through guidance, executive order or other communications to include and prioritize senior living communities (Independent Living, Assisted Living, Memory Care, and Continuing Care Retirement Communities) as a high need end user to help ensure we can acquire the supplies we need when we need them.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

(insert your name/title/Company)

CC: U.S. Senators (copy both Senators)  
U.S. Representative