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Dear Mr. Worke:

Thank you for your letter regarding State construction projects and the COVID-19 pandemic.

The COVID-19 pandemic is presenting an unprecedented challenge to Minnesota. We must continue our important work providing vital services to Minnesotans while making the health and well-being of our workforce and all Minnesotans our top priority. We also must take the necessary precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The concerns from contractors regarding possible impacts to State construction projects are very much understood and appreciated. We are following, and strongly encourage our partners to follow, the guidance being provided by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

With respect to the specific bullet points in your correspondence, you will find that there are applicable provisions in our construction contracts that address safety, delays and extensions, suspension of contract and notice of claims. Situations that are beyond the contractor's control are also addressed.

Until we know the specific situation, it would not be responsible for us to speculate on what the appropriate response would be. What we know with certainty is that we are fully committed to working with our business partners to administer our contracts in a fair manner and in keeping with our responsibilities to all Minnesotans.

As more information becomes available each day, we recognize organizations will continue to adjust operations in accordance with the [guidance](#) from MDH and the CDC and we will work with you to keep lines of communication open to respond accordingly.

Thank you,



Alice Roberts-Davis  
Commissioner