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BSCAI Joins Cleaning Coalition of America to Advocate for Essential Sector

The <u>Building Service Contractors Association International</u> (BSCAI) today announced their involvement in the newly formed Cleaning Coalition of America (CCA). This partnership stems from BSCAI's commitment to supporting BSC's through the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

Comprised of commercial cleaning companies, the CCA represents the needs of an overlooked sector of one million workers playing a vital role keeping essential services running during the coronavirus crisis. Coalition member companies clean, disinfect and sanitize hospitals, health systems and research labs, airports and airplanes, public transit systems, warehouses and other spaces that are the lifelines of the American economy. These organizations are essential as the nation prepares to phase back into normal life, ensuring the cleanliness of commercial office buildings, K-12 schools, universities, museums, stadiums, shopping centers and other commercial and public spaces.

"BSCAI is proud to join with six other organizations as we support the BSCAI members and other commercial cleaning companies that are doing essential work to keep out country running," said BSCAI Executive Director Chris Mundschenk. "We look forward to working alongside the Cleaning Coalition of America to provide support and protection to the companies that will help to re-open America."

As government officials provide relief for businesses impacted by COVID-19, the CCA and BSCAI remain committed advocating for the well-being of commercial cleaning companies and their employees.

"Cleaners need America's help so that they can help get America back to business, when the time is right," said Josh Feinberg, President of the Cleaning Coalition of America. "The Coalition gives voice to an important group of essential workers."

The Coalition is asking Congress and the Administration to support targeted measures that will help ensure the continuity of business operations and the employment of commercial cleaners:

- Ensure that professional cleaners have priority access to personal protective equipment (PPE), including disinfectants, gloves, masks, hand sanitizers and other materials needed to combat the spread of coronavirus.
- Provide additional funds in the form of grants or tax credits to keep professional cleaners on the
 payroll so that cleaning companies can get public places cleaned and ready for everyday use before
 the economy reopens.
- Provide well-defined regulatory guidance and clear oversight around liability for companies and organizations involved in the front-line fight against coronavirus; and



 Expand healthcare coverage for workers to ensure they have access to healthcare and protection from COVID-related illness at no cost to them.

In an effort to provide critical COVID-19-related resources to the BSC industry, BSCAI has created a dedicated COVID-19 resource hub. Access industry specific resources, content and news here.

About BSCAI

For more than 55 years, the Building Service Contractors Association International (BSCAI) has been the Business Resource for Contractors™. BSCAI represents a worldwide network of more than 1,000 member companies from across the United States and throughout the world that provide cleaning, facility maintenance, security, landscaping and other related services to building owners and managers. The association provides contractor-specific educational programs, individual certifications, publications, a members-only purchasing program, seminars, industry data and research and networking opportunities, all developed specifically for leaders in the building service industry.

For more information, please visit www.bscai.org.

About the Cleaning Coalition of America

The Cleaning Coalition of America represents the oft-overlooked contract cleaning professionals and puts a spotlight on the work they do to keep America safe and productive. We help ensure the highest quality of safety standards and practices, and we advocate for sound public policy with federal legislators and administrators. Founded in 2020 by seven of the industry's most respected organizations, the Cleaning Coalition of America represents the interests of cleaning service professionals nationwide.

The CCA is composed of the following members: Able Services, American Building Maintenance (ABM), Building Service Contractors Association International (BSCAI), Collins Building Services (CBS), Harvard Maintenance, Marsden Services, and SBM Management.

For more information, please visit CleaningCoalition.org.

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