“From the very beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Trump administration’s priorities have been completely backward. Trump and his Republican colleagues have had no trouble handing over billions in public money to fossil fuel CEOs and corporate polluters, but can’t seem to find the resources to provide PPE to workers and healthcare providers on the frontlines of this crisis. It’s past time for the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Homeland Security to authorize the Defense Production Act to protect essential workers.”
— Janet Redman, climate campaign director, Greenpeace USA

“Even as COVID-19 deaths in the U.S. top 150,000, Trump continues to prioritize corporate profits and his billionaire buddies over public health. This administration should be focused on getting PPE manufactured and into the hands of essential workers on the frontlines.”
— Erich Pica, president, Friends of the Earth

“Those on the frontlines of COVID and climate must be prioritized with ready action and real solutions. We stand with the Center for Biological Diversity in this work and our partners across the climate justice and labor movements to demand that all workers are protected, without qualification.”
— Tamara Toles O’Laughlin, North America director, 350.org

“From day one, the Trump administration has used the powers of the presidency to attack Black and brown communities. The latest form of attack is the administration’s complete abdication of its responsibility to protect the lives of essential workers. His refusal to protect these workers and communities goes far beyond neglect or inept leadership. Donald Trump’s racism and belief that our lives are worth less have fueled his choice to withhold even the most basic personal protective equipment, and the repeated weakening of environmental protections.”
— Ana Maria Archila, co-executive director, Center for Popular Democracy

“Our government is supposed to work for the common good. It is in all of our interest that our essential workers are protected with adequate Personal Protective Equipment so that they have a livable future, and so that we all can have a livable future. We stand in solidarity with workers who need PPE because it is unacceptable for our government to fail at this core task of keeping people safe during a crisis, especially at a time when we know that more crises are looming.”
— Keya Chatterjee, executive director, U.S. Climate Action Network

“The Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments is in complete agreement that HHS and DHS should use the authority already granted to them to use the Defense Production Act to secure PPE for frontline workers. It is appalling that nurses and other
health professionals are still working in unsafe conditions due to the lack of PPE. Nurses are putting their lives on the line every day taking care of critically ill COVID-19 patients — we must protect them and other frontline workers.”
— Katie Huffling, executive director, Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments

“Our nation's response to the COVID pandemic must protect those at greatest risk - the elderly, communities of color, people with preexisting health conditions, and frontline workers. It is morally unthinkable that the U.S. government has not, to date, adequately prioritized this. We strongly support the use of the Defense Production Act as part of a more compassionate and caring response to COVID-19.”
— Rev. Fletcher Harper, executive director, GreenFaith

“In a worldwide pandemic and national health crisis, the Trump administration has recklessly chosen to abandon our frontline workers by not providing them the basic needs of PPE. Our frontline workers cannot be dismissed any longer, and we call on HHS and DHS to protect those who have needed PPE since day one of this pandemic, as protecting our frontline workers protects us all.”
— Rebecca Concepcion Apostol, U.S. program director, Oil Change International