



## **Chairman Mike Boyce Responds to Reaction Concerning his Limited Emergency Authorization Allowing Sterigenics to Reopen**

**March 26, 2020** | The Chairman was further warned today about concerns his order to reopen the Sterigenics facility was “too limited.”

Furthermore, the forwarded message said;

*“The Secretary does not think it is sufficient to respond to the nation’s needs for the medical components that are required to treat COVID-19 patients – and other patients who will be impacted by the increased demand.*

*Second, it is only for 21 days, the needs will extend significantly beyond that.*

*Third, PPE was only about 20% of what was being sterilized at Sterigenics, and other items like catheters, syringes, IV sets and ventilator components like tubes, filters, and masks are critical to helping patients.*

*Finally, we don’t think that one county should be allowed to jeopardize the nation’s response to an unprecedented national pandemic. My understanding is that this particular plant represented 4% of the total U.S. capacity for Ethylene Oxide Sterilization. If it remains shuttered, there are national implications.*

*We hope you will use whatever communication channels you have to encourage the county to expand the decree to full production of all medical items and extend it until the nation’s threat and need is over.*

*Conversations on next steps from the Federal Government are occurring at the highest levels, should the situation not change.”*

Chairman Boyce stands by his order.

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