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### **Important Message from the Chairman of AmCham Abu Dhabi**

I want to thank all of our members for your diligence in remaining engaged in our AMCHAM efforts during these challenging times with COVID-19 impacting all that was once normal.

We continue to work on behalf of our members to communicate areas of concern to the UAE Government. The top four areas we have identified are:

1. Talent retention. It is our sense that if we lose work talent from UAE they won't be replaced for some time as US-based companies manage to gain their business momentum back.
2. Cost relief. Beyond reductions in fees and some exemptions, access to low cost capital in UAE will be critical to jumpstart business in the post crisis era. Additionally, identifying COVID-19 as a "force majeure" in contracts is key to maintaining business trust.
3. Reestablish GCC supply chain. As many of our companies are regional, it is critical to have the GCC supply chains open quickly to tie into the global supply chains.
4. Preparedness for COVID-19 2.0. As the fall could bring a resurgence of this epidemic, we are identifying lessons learned to set the conditions for COVID-19 2.0.

Once again, I want to thank each of you for your continued support and care! My best wishes for health and comfort for you and your families as we pull through this together!

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jay Lewis Huston". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Jay Huston

Chairman, AmCham Abu Dhabi