



United We Stand!



Dear AmCham Members,

COVID-19 has presented us with a unique challenge, not just here in Italy, but also the United States.

Businesses like yours are dealing with a unique set of circumstances.

Prime Minister Conte and President Trump have been dealt a difficult hand; and they are facing tough decisions to keep our people safe and our economies strong.

Here in Italy, AmCham members are critical to the diplomatic efforts of the United States. President Luca Arnaboldi and Managing Director Simone Crolla are leading a team of business All-Stars. As opportunities unfold, their contributions are sure to be legendary.

The U.S. Embassy and Consulates across Italy, despite constraints, continue to operate at full steam. Many of our staff are operating from home but delivering more than a full day of work. I'm overwhelmed by the ethic the State Department has developed over time, and the incredible industry of our Italian local staff.

A friend of mine who is well known in Italy, and abroad, recently told me something that deeply resonated with me: "I believe this crisis is a great opportunity to renew our democracies, to restart our work together, to strengthen our Alliance against the new enemy – using science as a platform."

This is not an op-ed but a statement at a point in time. We will get through this. We will look back at recorded history and learn that Italy and the United States stood together, once again, to overcome a crisis.

Thank you AmCham members for helping blaze the path to winning the battle against COVID-19.

**Buona fortuna
Auguri**

Lewis M. Eisenberg
U.S. Ambassador to Italy and San Marino