

As a major paving contractor in Wichita, Cornejo & Sons, Inc. wishes to express our full support of Senate Bill 20, which will require that all sanitary sewer and potable water facilities installed after January 1, 2008 shall be locatable and thereafter marked upon a request to Kansas One Call.

While water lines installed by the City of Wichita have been locatable for quite some time, we realize that excavators in other locations are not as fortunate. Sanitary sewer lines are located only on the basis of old plans and drawings, and the marking of sanitary sewer lines are frequently inaccurate to a substantial degree.

In addition to potential liability to the excavator for the cost of repair of sanitary sewer and water lines, excavators also suffer lost productivity on job sites due to delays in construction, not to mention the disruption to the public when water and sewer services are interrupted due to line damage.

We believe that passage of SB 20 will eventually result in less damage to sanitary sewer and water lines, to the benefit of the operators, excavators, and the general public.

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