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Re: Governor's Order Number 20-03-23-01 Closing Non-Essential Businesses

Dear Frank,

On behalf of the Mid-Atlantic Carwash Association, please transmit this letter to the appropriate state officials.

While we appreciate the gravity of the COVID-19 situation and applaud the Governor's efforts to manage our state through this crisis, we non-the-less feel that there are aspects of the car wash industry that can easily comply with the 6' social distance rule and the 10 person group limit. Even if allowed to conduct business, sales will be much diminished, but at least our employees could keep working. It is for this reason that we respectfully request that car washing be considered "auto repair and maintenance" under the federal guidance dated March 19, 2020.

Professional carwashing is ordinarily considered within the scope of auto repair and maintenance. We note that under the federal guidelines and the NAICS codes, 8111 is the general code for Automotive Repair and Maintenance and 811192 is for Carwashes.

The car wash industry in Maryland provides thousands of jobs through small businesses that are locally owned and operated. Many of the workers are low skilled and live paycheck to paycheck. Their lives are very dependent on the continued operation of the car wash.

Professional car washes provide a safe environment to clean your vehicle while maintaining a safe distance from others. For example:

1. First Responders need to clean their vehicles to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
2. Express Tunnel Car Washes require the customer to stay in their car and avoid exposure to others.
3. Automatic Car Washes also require the customer to stay in their car and avoid exposure to others.
4. Self Service Car Washes allow the customer to wash their vehicle in an individual bay away from others. This is like pumping gas in your car, but with greater space between patrons.
5. Full Serve Car Washes often can function as an express tunnel and keep the customer isolated from exposure to others.
6. This is a Cleaning Business, we understand the importance of maintaining a clean and safe environment.
7. Pollen Season is early this year, which affects people with respiratory issues. Cleaning off the pollen will help those individuals.
8. There is minimal contact between our employees and customers, and it can be managed.

We recommend as car wash best practice:

1. Clean and sanitize systems and surfaces throughout the day.
2. Maintain the 6' social distance between customers.
3. Maintain the 6' social distance between staff.
4. Staff should wash their hands every 2 hours, and more often as needed.
5. Staff should wear gloves at all times.

It is our hope that when looked at in the light presented that it is reasonable to include car washing among the businesses permitted to remain open.

Sincerely yours,

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