**LONG PHONE SCRIPT**

Hi, Senator/Assemblyperson (xxx),

My name is (insert your name), and I’m the owner of (your wash name), located in (insert municipality). I would like to begin by thanking you for your service, especially during these unprecedented times. I am calling today to discuss a very important issue to our industry, and one that has a severe impact on our local economy.

During the Pandemic, my business, along with many others in the carwashing industry was forced to close its doors in an effort to stop the spread of COVID-19. Our operations provided essential services to ambulances, First Responders, and other health care heroes throughout the Pandemic, and often, we would clean their vehicles free of charge. We did so because we recognized that hygiene, sanitation and our businesses played a crucial role in helping to flatten the curve and, it was the right thing to do.

We also adapted to the Pandemic by mandating strict health standards, the addition of PPE, social distancing and contactless payment.

Recognizing our industry’s importance in New Jersey’s economy, we collaborated with several legislators to tour our facilities and show them how we could safely operate during the Pandemic. In doing so, we have worked with Assemblywoman Aura Dunn to draft legislation, **A3703**, which permits carwash businesses to operate during a state of emergency, or a public health emergency.

I am calling today to ask that you support the legislation and act swiftly to ensure that our businesses are deemed “essential.”

Thank you for your time, and I am available to answer any questions.

You can reach me at (insert email/phone).