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To: Members of the Pinellas County Commission From: Bud Risser, Risser Oil Corporation Re: Opportunity Ladies and Gentlemen: I write to bring an opportunity to your attention. In March the Sheriff and County Administrator deemed car washes as non-essential. In our marketing area of Gulf Coast counties plus Hillsboro, Pinellas was the only county to do this. Car washes has remained essential in our neighboring counties. Philosophically, car washes are clearly non-essential. But that has become a merely a legal distinction designed to designate importance. Clearly it is not what the words suggest. Many businesses that are non-essential have been allowed to stay open and now you and the Governor are permitting many more to re-open. I recognize that this may seem a minor matter in the multiple decisions that are being made daily. But to our customers who operate unmanned car washes as part of their businesses, it is not a minor matter to them, or to their customers. As you consider allowing partial opening of additional businesses, I ask you to include allowing unmanned car washes. As you know, the tunnel drive through washes some convenience stores provide involves nothing more than the customer driving through the wash. There is no human contact at all. Wednesday's Times included this article: <https://tampabaytimes-fl.newsmemory.com/?publink=0c84163b9> about how SFWMD has passed a phase one restriction on our counties, and anticipate they may soon further restrict our use of water after a dry spring. They just asked for voluntary help by, among other things, not allowing a garden hose to run unattended. As you know, any additional tightening will normally include prohibiting any car wash activity except for commercial washes that recycle their water. Ironically, these include these same unmanned washes I suggest be reopened Reopening unmanned car washes can provide multiple benefits: This will provide financial help to small businesses trying to remain solvent. Water will be saved by motorists using recycled water

instead of potable water to wash their vehicles at home. Our customer's customers can properly maintain their vehicles. Most important? There will be no new exposure to the Corvid-19 virus. P. N. "Bud" Risser Risser Oil Corporation

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