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Good Afternoon Secretary Azar,

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Thank you for your incredible leadership during the last few years under President Trump as the 24<sup>th</sup> Secretary of Health and Human Services. Your efforts are truly appreciated, especially during the COVID-19 crisis.

My name is Craig Harrison and I have been in the Health & Safety Pressure Washing Services business for 30 years. I represent thousands of Pressure Washing Companies Nationwide.

It is imperative for us and the thousands of Power Washing Companies we represent to keep Power Washing/Pressure Washing of Commercial and in some cases Residential Concrete walkable surfaces as an "Essential" business in the Nature of Health and Safety Cleaning for several reasons:

1. We have the **Physical Action** of that surface looking better, known as "cleaning" which removes dirty and disgusting surface contaminants.
2. We have the **Legal Action** of that surface gaining better traction, called the Coefficient of Friction (COF), which reduces slip and fall risk. ***Under the American's with Disabilities Act, the COF of walkable surfaces needs to be above .05. This is verifiable with measurements taken with a Tribometer, primarily the BOT3000E.*** Power Washing/Pressure Washing is proven to help dramatically improve the COF.
3. After cleaning and raising the COF, the Disinfecting or Sanitizing process can happen by spraying EPA Registered Products that are suitable for the surface just cleaned.

During this unprecedented time of crisis, Power Washing/Pressure Washing Companies are needed more than ever. We cannot let our exterior walkable surfaces of homes and commercial properties become unclean, unkept and un-sanitized. If so, accumulations of human feces, bird feces, oils, mold, mildew, algae, dirt, dust, debris, allergens, sand particles, food grease, sodas, grime, calcium, spit, vomit and now, COVID-19 can build up, become a slip and fall hazard or quite possibly the COVID-19 could be tracked inside commercial buildings/homes to be spread much more easily.

By cleaning concrete and exterior walkable surfaces in the nature of Health and Safety, we increase the COF of the concrete. By increasing the COF level of that surface, we decrease the slip and fall risk. If the traction level (COF) of the concrete is not up to ADA Standards, the homeowner or property owner can be held responsible for injuries under Premises Liability. After cleaning, the Disinfecting or Sanitizing process can happen by spraying EPA Registered Products that are suitable for the surface just cleaned.

Please help me, help our Contractors reduce the spread of COVID-19 and reduce the risk of infecting others. If I could get, on your company letter head an approval that Health and Safety Pressure Washing Companies who use EPA Registered Disinfectant Products may keep working at this time, I think this would be a great step toward reducing the overall risk profile of COVID-19 and help keep our slip and fall risks low.

Thank you,  
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