**Below is a draft email that you can use as format for your own personalization:**

Dear “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,”

Now that the General Assembly is in Special Session, I wanted to see if I could meet with you to discuss an important issue to my small business here in “(Name Town).”

I own “(Name Wash)” Car Wash here in “(Name Town)” and want to speak with you about the practical problems with the State sales tax on coin-operated car washes.

Since its recent imposition, it has become increasingly obvious that it is impossible to collect the State sales tax on coin-operated machinery and we ask for your consideration that all should be taxed or no small business taxed. It is unfair to single out some coin-operations for exemptions and not others like my car wash.

As I’m sure you know, we continue to be the only coin-operated machinery that is still taxed. Current law exempts **Parking Meters, Laundromat machinery, Newspaper Vending machines and Arcade/Game Hall machinery,** but leaves it on my coin-operated equipment!

The imposition of this sales tax on coin-operated car washes has had a detrimental impact on our business as it has added a significant increase in the cost for customers doing business with our company. This comes with our fixed and variable costs rising year after year.

As you start this next phase of budget & tax negotiations, I would like to meet with you, at your convenience, to ask for your support and ask for your continued consideration of repealing the sales tax on coin-operated car washes in Connecticut.

We have been overwhelmed with the outpouring of support from our customers and our community for getting rid of the sales tax on coin-op car washes and would appreciate your efforts to take the time to understand the issue underlying our request.

I look forward to meeting with you soon. Thank you for your time and consideration as you undertake this important part of the Legislative Session.

**PERSONAL NAME**

**CAR WASH NAME**

**YOUR EMAIL**