



WMDA/CAR Service Station and Automotive Repair Association

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Chair: C.T. Wilson
Members of Economic Matters Committee

RE: HB 889 Retail Service Stations – Electric Vehicle Charging Stations and Property Tax Credit for Service Station Conversions

Position: Unfavorable

This is like putting the cart before the horse dictating level 3 chargers when location and size of lot and location is unknown.

- Level 3 chargers installed are awfully expensive depending on power company cost, installation and charger cost. One charger for dispenser could be well be over a million dollars.
- Space away from fueling locations, ingress into charging location and charging location themselves would take a large area, which owner paid for.
- Dictating a business to spend the money this bill requires with no way of knowing how long it will take to recover costs is not a reasonable request. I go by a location in Edgewater Maryland with 7 chargers that stand out like statues on Easter Island because no one is using them. I'm not saying all locations are like that, I'm just saying not all are suitable locations.

As far as property tax credits for stations that convert, I do not have any idea what to say. Service station owners have put their hearts and money and long hours into doing what they do, I am not sure a property tax credit would not answer.

Please give HB 889 an unfavorable Report

WMDA/CAR is a trade association that has represented service stations, convenience stores and repair shops since 1937. Any questions can be addressed to Kirk McCauley, 301-775-0221 or kmccauley@wmda.net