



WMDA/CAR Service Station  
and Automotive Repair Association

Chair: C.T. Wilson, Vice Chair Brian Crosby, and Members of Economic Matters Committee

RE: HB128 - Responding to Emergency Needs to Extreme Weather

Position: oppose

My name is Kirk McCauley, my employer is WMDA/CAR, we represent service stations convenience stores and repair facilities across the state as a non- profit trade group.

HB128 has an estimate tag of \$9 billion from energy providers! WMDA represents retailers and HB128 will have no direct affect.

The other side of the story is every single penny you eventually receive after litigation will come down to retail level and passed on to consumers. Electric, natural gas, heating oil and motor fuel along with a million other products made from petroleum. A bill of this nature only adds to inflation and cost to live in Maryland.

Products in boarding states attract our customers now because of high taxes, this would enhance that attraction.

Please give HB 128 an unfavorable report

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