

Chair: Brian J Feldman, Vice Chair Cheryl C. Kagan and members of Education, Energy, and Environmental Committee

RE: SB149 - Responding to Emergency Needs to Extreme Weather Position:

Position: Unfavorable

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.

SB149 has an estimate tag of \$9 billion(2023 Fiscal Note)) from energy providers! WMDA/CAR represents retailers and SB149 will have no direct effect.

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 SB149 an unfavorable report

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