



WMDA/CAR Service Station  
and Automotive Repair Association

Chair: Luke Clippinger, Vice Chair Sandy J Bartlett and members of Judiciary Committee

RE: HB179 –Organized Retail Theft Act of 2025

Position: Favorable

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.

Convenience stores that we represent have been a target of robbery/theft with the threat of violence by the same individuals in different counties. These are not individual's coming in a grabbing a candy bar, they are threatening violence and stuffing trash bags full of product.

These are groups that know the law and keep their theft at each location below \$1500. When combined at multiple locations, amount is well above threshold for a felony. They are playing the system and its time to correct that.

Please give HB179 a Favorable Report

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