



WMDA/CAR Service Station  
and Automotive Repair Association

Chair: Vanessa E. Atterbeary, Vice Chair Jheanelle K. Wilkens and Members of Ways and Means Committee

RE: HB 1469 – Surgery Beverage Distributor Tax

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.

Surgery beverage tax is a slap in the face to folks who have seen prices skyrocket at their local store. What will be next, red meat, pasta, who knows? What we do know, every penny it costs beverage companies including the cost to comply and record keeping will come to the store and the consumer.

This proposed tax is regressive and will hurt those in the city just as it did in Philadelphia. Maryland is surrounded by states that love Maryland, VA, DE, WV, and PA have picked up all our loss in tobacco sales. We keep pushing retail sales out of Maryland, legislation cannot change behavior or habits, only changing the location of purchases.

I live in southern Maryland and the new Mac Middleton Bridge is a highway to lower prices. Just pull in first big shopping center one mile across the bridge and check license plates! I can visualize a sign leaving VA saying - Thank You Marylanders – See You Next week and this is taking place in DE, WV and PA.

Please give 1469 an unfavorable report

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