



WMDA/CAR Service Station
and Automotive Repair Association

Chair: Guy Guzzone and Member of Budget and Taxation Committee

RE: SB224

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 established in 1938.

SB224 would give counties and Baltimore City the authority to increase taxes on certain commercial and industrial property, Maryland is ranked 46 in business friendly states in 2025 CNBC Annual Ranking [Top States for Business in America 2025: The full rankings](#). Potentially large tax increases will only discourage investment and send more businesses to other states.

Small business is the engine that drives our economy. Counties and Baltimore City should not have the authority to dictate the cost of doing business and upset the balance between retailers.

WMDA/CAR asks for an unfavorable vote on SB224.

Any questions, contact to Kirk McCauley, 301-775-0221 or kmccauley@wmdacar.com