



WMDA/CAR Service Station
and Automotive Repair Association

Chair: Kriselda Valderama and member of Economics Matters Committee

RE: HB188 Unemployment Insurance Modernization Act

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 1937.

- Taxable Wage Base increase of about 48%, with an automatic increase as average wage increases.
- Minimum Wage increase from \$50 to \$228 a week
- Maximum wage from \$430 to \$607

Retailers can only absorb so much, taxes and fees have already taken their toll. These Increases are out of line and discourage workers from hunting for work.

WMDA/CAR asks for an unfavorable vote on HB188.

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