



WMDA/CAR Service Station
and Automotive Repair Association

Chair: Pamela Beidle and members of Senate Finance

RE: SB866 Public Health - Chain Restaurants - Sodium and Added Sugars -
Warning Icons

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.

A lot of our convenience store members have a branded location within their building but these locations, while part of a brand, are franchised, operated by individual retailers. Cost to these retailers in space and signage would be expensive, depending on type of menu boards, number of menu boards. Small retailers have seen higher wages, Family and Sick leave will be online soon, Electric bills have doubled and in general costs have outpaced price increases. SB866 leaves too many items open for MDH to decide with no input from retailers.

While there being an added cost to small retail, results are questionable, along **First Offence, 90 days in jail** and \$1,000 fine! These retailers employ thousands of residents that might not have the skills to work in other industries and you want to lock them up for not having an Icon warning on one of their signs. While I know intentions are good, it has far too many unintentional consequences.

WMDA/CAR asks for an unfavorable vote on SB866.

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