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TO: Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

FROM: Mid-Atlantic Petroleum Distributors Association

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RE: **SENATE BILL 432** – Attorney General Actions and Climate Crimes Accountability Fund

On behalf of Maryland’s convenience store marketers and energy distributors, MAPDA requests the committee issue an unfavorable report on SB432.

Generally, this legislation would authorize the Attorney General to file an action against a publicly traded company that is or was involved in the extracting, refining or processing of coal, oil, or gas that has contributed to climate change.

Our members are concerned with the downstream effects of the bill. Specifically, the downstream costs incurred by distributors, retailers, and customers as a result of any judgement against these companies.

There are also concerns about the further expansion of the ability of the finder of fact to assign comparative responsibility to all parties joined in the action brought by the Attorney General. The General Assembly purposefully narrowed such assignment as it related to the allision between the Dali and the Francis Scott Key Bridge in 2024 when it passed SB680. Senate Bill 432 creates another avenue for “comparative responsibility” – an undefined term.

Taken together, this bill has serious and extremely broad implications for an entire industry and will likely end in costly lawsuits for more entities than initially contemplated.

Thank you for your consideration. We urge the Judicial Proceedings Committee to issue an **UNFAVORABLE COMMITTEE REPORT on SB432.**

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