



WMDA/CAR Service Station
and Automotive Repair Association

Chair: J. Sandy Bartlett and members of Judiciary Committee

RE: HB572 Attorney General – Actions and Climate Crimes and Accountability Fund

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.

HB572 is about is about bringing litigation against large companies that extract/mine fuel from the ground. The same fuel that 100% of us use every day in what we wear, walk on, put our trash in, tires on vehicles, the road we drive on, houses we build, are some examples.

Were this bill passed, the consumers and retailers will eventually pay for costs of litigations weather if is successful or not so successful. Litigation costs will all come back to consumers in added costs of hundreds of products and of course motor fuel, electricity, natural gas. Title of this bill says, “Climate Crimes”, I guess if that is true, we are all co-conspirators.

WMDA/CAR asks for an unfavorable vote on HB572.

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