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HB161 Property Tax Credit – Retail Service Station Conversions Ways and Means Committee January 20, 2026

Position: Favorable

Background: HB161 would authorize local jurisdictions to grant a property tax credit for the conversion of a retail service station to another use.

Comments: The Maryland Retailers Alliance supports proposals which would help offset the costs to business owners of altering their business, changing industries, or selling their property. Transitioning and renovating a service/fueling station location for a different commercial or residential use can be particularly costly due to the required remediation of the equipment for the storage and dispensing of gasoline on the property. Property tax credits can assist property owners with this burden and benefit the surrounding community by ensuring that the property can be utilized for other purposes after the closure of an existing business.

MRA would respectfully urge a favorable report on HB161. Thank you for your consideration.