



WMDA/CAR Service Station and Automotive Repair Association

February 16, 2023

Chair: C.T. Wilson
Members of Economic Matters Committee

RE: HB 938 – Alcoholic Beverages - Class A License – Food Retailers

Position: Favorable with Amendments

WMDA represents convenience stores across Maryland. Our stores and employees are part of the community and offer a wide range of food and non-alcoholic drinks. They also support community and charitable fund raising events, sponsoring youth sports, while employing thousands of Marylanders.

Our retailers would like to see Class A beer and wine licenses extended to our facilities as well as grocery stores. We are in the communities now and consumers and retailers would benefit.

A good many of our county's offer this convenience now, with no more problems than counties that restrict sales to privileged locations.

As locally owned businesses our locations should have the same opportunity and considerations as the big corporate grocery chains, without size consideration.

Thank You

WMDA/CAR is a trade association that has represented service stations, convenience stores and repair shops since 1937. Any questions can be addressed to Kirk McCauley, 301-775-0221 or kmccauley@wmda.net