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TO: House Economic Matters and Environment & Transportation Committees

FROM: Mid-Atlantic Petroleum Distributors Association

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RE: **HOUSE BILL 516** – Climate Crisis and Environmental Justice Act of 2024

On behalf of Maryland’s convenience stores and energy distributors, MAPDA urges the committee to issue an unfavorable report on HB516.

This legislation creates a carbon tax on certain non-transportation and transportation fuels used in the state. Further, these new fees cannot be passed on to the end-user.

The products that will be taxed under HB516 are critical and necessary energy choices for Maryland consumers, businesses, and industry. Adding these new costs without any way for a business to recoup them is untenable.

The costs associated with this bill will ultimately lead to increased costs at the gas pump, on energy bills, and in the costs of goods and services for all Marylanders including state and local governments.

For these reasons, MAPDA respectfully requests an unfavorable committee report on HB516.

**Feeding and fueling the economy through gas, coffee, food, heating oil and propane.**

MAPDA is an association of convenience stores and energy distributors in Maryland, Delaware & the District of Columbia.