

Date: 18 July 2016

**Subject: Testimony for CB46-2016 (ZRA-159) Fueling Stations**

My name is Stu Kohn and I reside at 8709 Yellow Bird Court, Laurel Md. 20723. I am the President of the Howard County Citizens Association (HCCA). We unequivocally commend the Fueling Station Task Force who spent their valuable time during a 5-month period to evaluate and make recommendations for the improvement for the environmental health and safety regarding the effect of Fueling Stations in our County. The Council should be applauded for their insight by establishing this Task Force because of the magnitude of such a compelling situation. After reading this proposed Bill we conclude it has a lot of merit and should be unanimously passed by the County Council. HCCA would like to take this time to make some recommended revisions for your consideration.

- Page 1 – We would like to see an expansion of the definition of “Motor Vehicle Fueling Station” to include a maximum of 8-gas dispensers which is equivalent to 16-gas pumps.
- Refer to Page 3, Line 28 – Not sure why it states “a minimum of one acre of land or a minimum of three acres of land.”
- Refer to Page 6, Line 8 – suggest you consider adding “hospital” as it states Fuel Dispensers shall be located at least 300 feet from any school, park, day care, or assisted living facility.
- Refer to Page 6, Line 14 – please change the number 100 to 300 feet as 100 feet is equivalent to only one-third of a football field.
- Refer to Page 6, Line 25 – change the word, “may” to “shall” for more forcefulness.
- Refer to Page 6, Line 35 – change the word “may” top “shall” for more forcefulness.
- Refer to Page 7, Line 13 – what is the definition of “minor?”
- Refer to Page 7, Line 18-23 – who inspects this and does the County have enough personnel to see the requirements are fully executed by the responsible party?

In conclusion, CB-46 is by far a step in the right direction to ensure the future of our health and safety concerning Fuel Stations will be much better off by you passing this Bill.

Thank You,

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President, HCCA