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New House Speaker Carries Fuels Tax Increase Bill

House 1414, comprehensive transportation legislation will be carried by new House Speaker Eileen Filler-Corn. It is very unusual for the House Speaker to carry legislation and this means that some form of the legislation will become law this year. With regard to fuel taxes the bill would increase the statewide tax by four cents each year for three years for a total of twelve cents. From that point forward the tax would increase in years when there is an increase in the federal consumer price index. Should the index decrease or remain the same the tax would not decrease. We are pleased to report that this bill does not address sections related to remission, fuel theft and evaporation. We have pointed out that should the state adopt the Transpiration Climate Initiative, any new revenue from HB1414 would be lost no later than the fourth year and future transportation funding would be underwater forever if TCI is adopted in Virginia. Our message is clear. The state's leaders need to take TCI off the table before considering any fuels tax changes. To view House bill 1414, [click here](#).

VPCMA Board Unanimous in Opposition to Mobile Fueling Bill

Booster Fuels of San Mateo, California recently received tens of millions of dollars in venture capital money to expand their footprint and take gallons away from traditional marketers. They are investing some of that money in lobbying the Virginia General Assembly in support of [House bill 779](#). Currently truck to truck fueling for gasoline is specifically prohibited for gasoline by the Virginia Code. Last year Virginia Fire Services and Chiefs amended the fire code to specifically add the mobile fueling provision. We have learned that representatives of Booster Fuels will be traveling to a Fire Code development meeting next Wednesday in an attempt to delete that provision. We will be leaving the General Assembly building for the first time during session in recent memory to oppose their move. Simply put, they want to use the General Assembly to take away business from you. Their scheme does not follow the same regulatory hurdles you are forced to comply with and is yet another example of disruptive technology. This bill is almost certain to go to the House Transportation Committee, but has not yet been assigned. Soon we will be asking you to contact transportation members in your

area to oppose this bill. Yesterday, the VPCMA Board of Directors held a conference call on this bill and once again unanimously voted to oppose the measure. Should any member have questions on this bill or our position, please contact mike@vpcma.com or call 804-484-9860.