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## Booster Fuels' Effort to Legalize Gasoline Mobile Fueling is Defeated



For the second time in three years the Virginia House of Delegates has defeated bills to make mobile fueling for gasoline legal in Virginia. This year VPCMA board chair John Fannon of Fannon Petroleum (pictured) took the lead in testifying before the House Transportation Subcommittee Tuesday night telling them that this proposal was unsafe and against the interest of Virginia small businesses. We greatly appreciate the willingness of both John and Lewis Wall of Davenport Energy for coming to Richmond and lobbying committee members before the vote. Their arguments were obviously convincing as, after they concluded, the committee laid the bill on the table (killing it for the year). We had a tremendous response from members who called or emailed their delegates to oppose this bill. Thank you to everyone who participated.

We are also very grateful to the following groups who worked with us to defeat this bill.

Virginia Retail Alliance  
Virginia Fire Chiefs Association  
Virginia Gasoline Marketers Council

Virginia Fire Prevention Association  
Kunal Kumar

This marks the second defeat in as many weeks for Booster Fuels and their lobbyists from the Richmond law firm Williams Mullen. Just two weeks ago Booster employees from California came to a meeting of the Fire Code Review work group seeking to remove the Fire Code's prohibition on mobile fueling. That effort was rebuffed. One thing is virtually certain, the mobile fuelers and their tens of millions of dollars in venture capital expansion funds will likely be back for round 3.

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