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Lobbyists Hired to Pass Mobile Fueling Legislation

This week the law firm of Williams Mullen, one of Virginia's largest and most expensive lobbying operations, was retained by California based Booster Fuels Company to push legislation in the 2020 session to allow mobile gasoline fueling of highway vehicles in Virginia. We opposed similar legislation in 2018, which was defeated. However, the Williams Mullen firm has seven lobbyists and has donated over \$188,000 to members of the General Assembly this year alone. While they will have plenty of San Francisco money, one thing they don't have is members across Virginia, and in the coming weeks we will be calling on each of you to address this ill-conceived legislation.

DMV Sending Questionnaire Relative to Direct Fueling of Highway Vehicles

Below you will find a questionnaire that will be sent in the coming days to licensed motor fuel distributors by the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles. At this point it is not clear whether it is being sent to all Virginia petroleum distributors or a select number. My understanding is that DMV has been examining company websites and has questions as to whether some may be fueling highway vehicles with gasoline, and if so, whether taxes have been paid. Direct fueling of diesel is permitted under Virginia Law, but is specifically prohibited for gasoline by both the state code and the Virginia Fire Code. DMV has told me that they will be using the responses from this questionnaire to conduct education with any distributors that may be unaware of the law, and possible tax audits.

[Questionnaire Cover Letter](#)

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Limited Space Available for Exhibitors at SE Petro Show

We are pleased to provide a list to date of exhibiting firms for the upcoming 2020 Southeast Petro-Food Marketing Expo, March 4-5 2020, at The Myrtle Beach Convention Center. There is limited exhibit space remaining, and hope, if your company is not already on this list, you will plan to join us either as an exhibitor or sponsor at the largest regional c-store/petroleum show in the nation!

Here is a link to the [2020 floorplan](#) and a [link to reserve a space](#).

To register to attend, [click here](#). VPCMA will be hosting our annual hospitality suite reception on Wednesday at the Sheraton immediately after the show closes.