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### Mobile Fuel Companies Pulling Out All the Stops

Readers will recall that legislation to permit mobile fueling for gasoline in Virginia was defeated 7-1 this past winter, then ultimately carried over for study until 2021. In March the House Transportation Committee directed that the study be done by the state's Department of Housing and Community Development and that it should begin 60 days after the end of the Pandemic State of Emergency(which is still in full force). We have subsequently learned that the Booster lobbyist, who until mid-2018 was the Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs at DHCD, pushed the agency to expedite the review and significantly expand its scope beyond that requested by the legislature. That led to a three hour virtual meeting yesterday where DHCD staff denied that there is a prohibition against mobile fueling in the fire code, even though the same staffer moderated more than a year's public review of the issue. Booster and Filld said that they each would bring approximately 140 new jobs to Virginia if mobile fueling is legalized. Under questioning they stated that no jobs would be lost by companies who are presently serving those same customers with fleet and cardlock fueling. Another Booster hired gun was allowed to give a 32 minute presentation promoting mobile fueling while we were given no similar opportunity. The good news is that the fire chiefs and first responders remain steadfastly with us and are opposed to this legislation. Booster President Frank Mycroft is pulling out all the stops and spending whatever it takes to overturn the will of the General Assembly and preserve his future Silicon Valley venture capital funding. The next meeting is planned for November 10<sup>th</sup> and we fully expect that DHCD will ramp up their hostility toward Virginia based business and continue to take unprecedented steps to promote Booster.

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### VPCMA Hosts First Virtual Annual Meeting

Over 100 VPCMA members participated virtually in the association's first ever member-wide zoom meeting. Members were briefed and warned of looming legislation related to the so-called Transportation Climate Initiative and its goal to eliminate fossil fuel use in the Commonwealth in the not too distant future. Members also heard from Dr. Bob Holsworth on his thoughts on the Presidential election, Virginia's 2021 Governor's race, and issues addressing our industry.



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## **New Federated Insurance Webinar - Cost-Effective Solutions for Mid-Pandemic Workplace Controversies**

Federated Insurance has announced a new webinar for November 17, 2020 at 1pm EST. In this webinar they will identify seven types of challenges and recurring problems that employers face today, and will discuss cost-effective solutions your organization can implement to reduce risk while preparing for year-end and for 2021. They will offer practical tips and resources, and will answer questions at the end of this webinar. There is no cost to attend, however advance registration is required.

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