

To: House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

From: Aileen Kaye

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Re: "No" on HB 2426 Self Serve Gas

Dear Chair Grayber, Vice Chair Lewis, and Members of the Committee,

I was shocked when I heard on a news report this morning that you have resurrected the self serve gasoline proposal that citizens told you last session they did not want. I think anyone who does not own a gasoline station is dismayed that this is back on your schedule.

The major reasons I do NOT want self serve:

1. The gas stations I go to have wonderful staff who want to keep these jobs! Last session I asked gas station attendants about this type of bill and they all said they are totally against self serve. There is very little turnover at the gas stations I go to. It seems that you legislators have no concern for these workers. Very disappointing and upsetting.
2. I am in my mid 70's. I have never had to get out in the wind and rain, grab a heavy dirty gas nozzle, stand in the wind and rain while it's filling, etc. There are no shortages of attendants where I live—the Salem area. There is NO reason for me to like this bill.

I thought you already made exceptions for gas stations which are in areas of very low population. That is fine with me if the local people there want that.

Please do not vote this bill out of committee.

Thank you for your consideration.