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Chair & Committee Members,

I Support HB 3478.

These changes will provide much-needed relief for businesses and reduce administrative burdens.

One of the most beneficial aspects of this Act is the proposed extension of the license renewal period from one year to three years. This change will reduce the frequency of paperwork, inspections, and renewals required by both the state and cardlock facility operators. For small and medium-sized businesses, this represents a significant time and cost savings. It allows business owners to focus more on running their operations and less on managing annual renewals. A three-year renewal cycle will align more closely with standard business practices and reduce the strain on government agencies tasked with processing these licenses.

The elimination of gallonage requirements for nonretail cardlock dispensing of motor vehicle fuel is another crucial reform. Currently, these requirements can unnecessarily restrict access for businesses that may have the infrastructure and capability to dispense fuel but fall short of meeting the strict gallonage thresholds. By removing this barrier, the Act allows more businesses to participate in the cardlock system, fostering competition and encouraging innovation within the industry. Additionally, it ensures that regulatory oversight is based on factors other than volume alone, helping businesses to engage with the system in a more equitable way.

Taken together, these changes help to streamline the overall regulatory environment for cardlock facilities. Extending the licensing period and removing unnecessary gallonage requirements will create an environment that is more conducive to growth and efficiency. For operators, this means less red tape, fewer delays, and a regulatory system that is more responsive to the needs of businesses. For the state, it will mean a more manageable process and more consistent oversight without unnecessary complexity.

This Act is a thoughtful, practical, and much-needed update to the current regulatory framework. By reducing the frequency of license renewals and removing outdated gallonage requirements, it will reduce burdens on businesses while maintaining necessary safety and regulatory standards. It will foster a more dynamic and

competitive environment, ensuring that all businesses have an equal opportunity to thrive.

I strongly urge you to support this Act, as it will provide long-term benefits to both the businesses in the industry and the communities they serve.