

TESTIMONY OF ASSOCIATED FOOD AND PETROLEUM DEALERS
BEFORE
SENATE CIVIL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Chairman Bacon, Ranking Minority Member Skindell and members of the Senate Civil Justice Committee, my name is Terry Fleming and I'm writing on behalf of the Associated Food and Petroleum Dealers over 300 members in Ohio, in support of SB 150. First we'd like to thank Senators Hite and Seitz for introducing this much needed legislation. SB 150 would provide immunity for service station dealers when motorist use the wrong fuel in their vehicle or when the State Fire Marshall has determined that the fuel in underground tanks are compatible with the pumps they service. The bill does not protect dealers from their own mistakes or conflict with Federal or State laws on fuels. This bill would provide some incentive for service stations to provide new fuels as they become available to the motoring public without fear that mistakes made by such public could result in costly law suits. The future fuels we may be using i.e., E-85, CNG or those yet to be discovered will take some getting used too just as when lead was removed and at one point in time you had lead or unleaded to choose from. This bill is a good step forward for protecting service station owners and encouraging alternative fuel development. We urge favorable passage of SB 150 and while we were unable to attend today's hearing if you have questions please contact me at terrypflaming@gmail.com or 614-205-0554.