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### Please post this page for all to see

As we do every election cycle, the Long Island Gasoline Retailers Association Board spent several days interviewing candidates running for the New York State Senate and Assembly, seeking their positions on issues of critical importance to our industry.

As a result of our screenings, we chose the following candidates that we felt will best

represent us in Albany. We urge you, your families & amp; friends, as well as your customers to vote for them.

### Who we endorsed the Assembly race

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Michaelle C. Solages

### Who we endorsed the Senate race

District	Ligra Endorsed	District	Ligra Endorsed
		1	Anthony H. Palumbo
2	Jodi Giglio	2	Mario R. Mattera
3	Joe DeStefano	3	Dean Murray
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We need to flood the DMV'S Deputy Commissioners (Rebecca Wood), office with letters stating our view on the fees and regulations that need to be updated.

From the Desk of

(Insert your personal info name

Phone

Email)

DMV Deputy Commissioner Rebecca Wood

I am aware that my trade association Ligra, has been working with your office on the New York State Motor vehicle Inspection program.

I am writing to you to voice my concerns about the inspection program.

Our industry has been performing vehicle inspections for the past 27 years without an increase in the fee or an overhaul of the inspection regulations, addressing the newer technology and EV vehicles.

However, the cost of living has increased, salaries and overhead have increased and the requirements to the inspection program have increased.

Yet the fees and regulations to the inspection program have remained the same.

A fee increase is necessary to keep up with the increased costs.

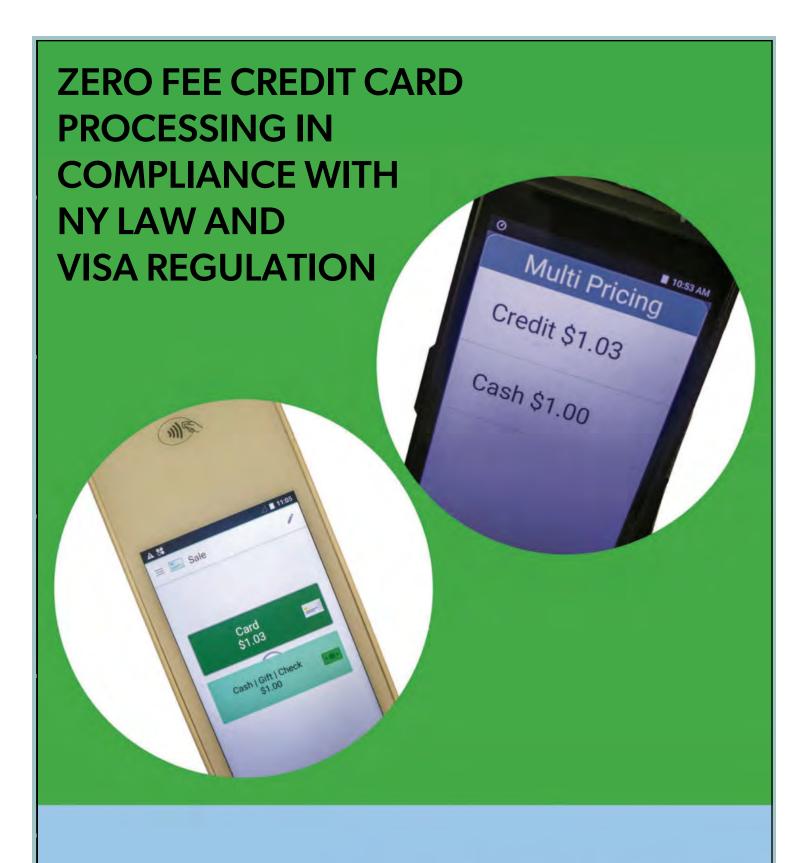
I respectfully request that your office recommend to the Governor and DMV Commissioner a fair and adequate inspection fee increase plus an update to the regulations as soon as possible.

Sincerely

Please go to our LIGRA website to edit in your shop's name and to print out a copy to mail. Click on the link to edit and print out a copy of this letter.

WWW.LIGRA.COM go to the "More" tab click on Letter to Rebecca Woods

To mail to the deputy Commissioner Rebecca Wood.



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### Voting is important for several reasons:

- 1. Representation: Voting allows citizens to elect representatives who will make decisions on their behalf. Through the power of their vote, individuals have a say in choosing the leaders who will shape the policies and laws of their country.
- 2. Accountability: By participating in elections, citizens hold their elected officials accountable for their actions. If elected officials fail to fulfill their promises or act against the best interests of the people, voters can choose to support different candidates in future elections.
- 3. Voice and Expression: Voting provides individuals with a platform to express their opinions and preferences. It allows citizens to contribute to the democratic process and have their voices heard on issues that are important to them.
- 4. Change and Progress: Voting enables people to bring about change and progress in their communities and countries. By electing representatives who align with their values and visions for the future, voters can influence policy decisions and work towards a better society.
- 5. Protection of Rights: In a democracy, voting helps protect individual rights and freedoms. It allows citizens to support candidates who advocate for human rights, equality, and justice, ensuring that the government respects and upholds these fundamental principles.

To summarize, voting in a democracy is important because it allows citizens to have representation, hold elected officials accountable, express their opinions, contribute to change and progress, and protect their rights. It is a fundamental way for individuals to participate in the democratic process and shape the future of their society.

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### **AVOID VIOLATIONS**

Depending on the fueling system and location, monthly inspections can be required by law. Not properly completing and recording your monthly inspections may lead to hefty violations and fees.

### **BE PROACTIVE TO AVOID LARGER ISSUES**

Sometimes small issues with your fueling equipment can grow into much larger issues if not addressed. Catching and taking care of small repairs/fixes can prevent them from turning into larger, more expensive issues.

### **AVOID DOWNTIME**

Uptime of a fueling system is crucial, whether it is used daily or needs to be operational in case of an emergency. Conducting regular inspections can avoid unnecessary downtime.

Please contact Paul Tyree for a copy of our MES Compliance Inspection template or if you're interested in learning how MES can assist with your compliance inspections. Cell phone: 516-426-5224.

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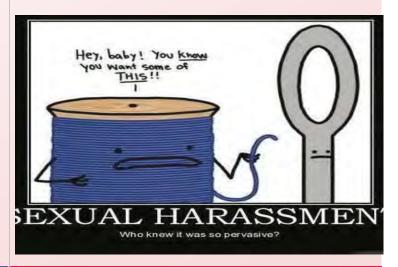
New York State, <u>MANDATES</u> all employers, regardless of the company's size, must have a sexual harassment policy. Employers must also conduct ANNUAL interactive sexual harassment training and provide a written antiharassment policy to ALL employees. To help keep you in compliance with this regulations.

To comply with the MANDATORY interactive sexual harassment training, LIGRA will be hosting this training class. These classes will be held in our LIGRA Office.

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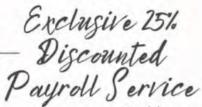
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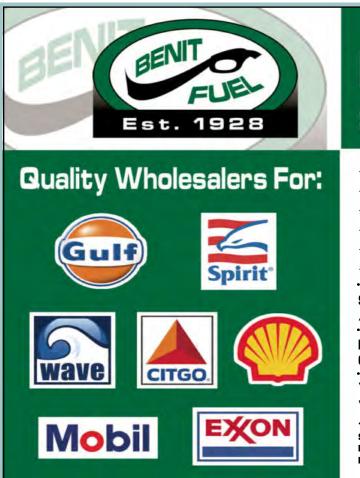
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