

Testimony in favor of HB0332- Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard - Eligible Sources  
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House Bill 332 will eliminate waste-to-energy from the definition of renewable sources, which is a good thing! Clean is clean, renewable is renewable, and incineration is neither of those! As a Baltimore City resident I'm in full support of removing waste-to-energy, also known as incineration, from our RPS. The City Council and the new Mayor have endorsed the Fair Development Plan for Zero Waste that a coalition of Zero Waste organizers have worked tirelessly on and have shown that burning trash has very negative consequences for our communities and residents. They have found many examples where waste reduction, real recycling, and composting are working in other cities like Baltimore. Once we have the RPS updated to remove incineration from the definition then we can have a real economic incentive for local small business creators in the diversion and waste industries.

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