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Testimony of Bruce Burcat, Executive Director
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House Bill 332
Position: Support

I am Bruce Burcat the Executive Director of the Mid-Atlantic Renewable Energy Coalition (MAREC). I appreciate the opportunity to provide our comments to this Committee on House Bill 332

MAREC is an organization representing many of the leading utility-scale wind and solar developers (including offshore wind), wind turbine and PV solar panel manufacturers, and public interest organizations that support the development of renewable energy in the region.

MAREC strongly supports HB 332, legislation that would remove waste-to-energy from eligibility for inclusion in the State's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) as a Tier 1 resource. Waste-to-energy is not a clean energy resource and its inclusion in Tier I of the RPS is entirely inconsistent with the purpose of Maryland's RPS, which is to encourage development of clean, renewable energy. Tier I should be reserved for clean energy resources, especially those that create new jobs, such as projects that generate wind and solar energy. Unlike most wind and solar facilities, waste to energy projects are not additive to the RPS in the sense that these facilities are already existing.

MAREC recommends that HB 332 bill be voted out of committee.