

Testimony in Support of HB0166
Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard - Eligible Sources - Alterations
(Reclaim Renewable Energy Act of 2024)
House Economic Matters Committee on 3/7/24

To Chair Wilson, Vice Chair Crosby and Committee Members,

As a current master's student focused on applied research in the environment within and surrounding Baltimore, and a resident of Baltimore City, I urge a favorable report on HB0166. The Reclaim Renewable Energy Act removes trash incineration from the state's Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard (RPS) Tier I list; this aligns with the state's Climate Action Plan and supports Maryland in reaching reduced emissions goals set out in the Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022.

I support this bill because it is an important step in supporting subsidized investment renewable energy that does not rely on people's waste, but on actual renewable resources like solar, wind, and geothermal.

It's important to note that the bill does not stop trash incineration, but by removing this energy source from the RPS Tier I list it stops subsidizing it as a renewable energy source in Maryland.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look to the committee to give HB0166 a favorable report.

Sincerely,
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