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Testimony prepared for the
Economic Matters Committee
on
House Bill 438
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Position: **Favorable**

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify about clean energy and protecting the environment from toxic pollutants. I am Lee Hudson, assistant to the bishop for public policy in the Delaware-Maryland Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We are a faith community of congregations in three ELCA synods, located in every part of the State.

The ELCA committed to caring for the environment in “Caring for Creation” (ELCA, 1993). We have never been proponents of burning waste to generate electricity. Trash is not a “renewable resource.” Burning it produces further environmental degradation and threat to the public health. It certainly doesn’t merit what amounts to public subsidy through tier 1 generation credits.

It’s time to correct this flaw. Eliminating this source of power generation is better energy policy and a benefit to environmental health. We support House Bill 438 and ask your favorable report.

Thank you for this hearing.

Lee Hudson