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Testimony in Support of SB 146: Mary Randall

Good afternoon, Chair Feldman and members of the committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

My name is Mary Randall, I am a resident in District 46, a Maryland utility customer, a Progressive Maryland EJ Task Force member, and a resident concerned about the environment. I live in Westport, right next to the Baltimore incinerator.

I am here to express my support for the Reclaim Renewable Energy Act. I did not know that when I paid my utility bills, some of that money was going to the Baltimore incinerator in my neighborhood. Each year we send \$25 million dollars to these trash incinerators. This is not acceptable. I want our state to send its investments to truly clean energy and not on trash incineration because the emissions are harming my health, the health of my friends, and the environment. I was devastated when I found out I had cancer after living by the incinerator, and I know a whole household on my block that has gotten cancer. How can something considered clean energy contribute to cancer and asthma? Instead of sending money to the trash incinerator, I would rather send money to truly clean energy like solar panels that do not harm our health.

Thank you.