

**Testimony Supporting SB146**  
**Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**  
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**Position: SUPPORT**

I am Shashawnda Campbell and I am a part of the South Baltimore Community Land Trust and a resident of Baltimore City. We do a lot of work with communities and organizations.

I want to emphasize in my testimony the original purpose of the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) in Maryland, was to support clean and renewable energy. The focus on the legislature's intent in 2004, promoting benefits such as "long-term decreased emissions" and "a healthier environment," underscores the environmental goals that the RPS was designed to achieve.

I am here urging the state to urgently address greenhouse gas emissions and carefully assess the effectiveness of the RPS in delivering long-term environmental benefits, reflecting the increasing importance of combating climate change. I also want to acknowledge that the urgency has only grown since the establishment of the RPS in 2004 which emphasizes the need for proactive measures to promote renewable energy development. The only way to promote good development such as wind and solar is to stop sending money from the RPS to the dirtiest source of energy which is trash incineration. Trash incineration releases many greenhouse gasses and causes health impacts which solar and wind does not. That is Why I am here in support of Bill SB0146 to take trash incineration out of the RPS so other alternatives can get the funding.

We need the state to take lead by passing this bill so we can really be attaining the goals in the State set forward in the [Climate Pollution Reduction Plan](#) that MDE released.

Best,

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