

As a resident of Glen Burnie and a Maryland ratepayer, I am writing to express my strong support of SB146, the Reclaim Renewable Energy Act. Maryland needs to be taking the state of the climate seriously. We need to fund renewable energy sources and I want this money to be spent wisely. I don't believe spending this money on trash incinerators is the right decision. These incinerators pollute a lot and are dirtier than coal. Subsidies that incinerator companies have been receiving have ballooned to 24 million dollars, when it should be spent on real renewable solutions. We can't keep spending our money profiting something that's not putting renewables first. This bill won't even cost the ratepayer more, this just moves money that we are already spending to the options that are actually renewable. It will be better spent than RPS subsidies being paid to non-renewable energy incinerators, some not even in the state, like the Covanta incinerator in Lorton, VA, receiving over \$11 million. It's time we take the money we spend, and direct it to real solutions here in Maryland.