



# FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## DIVISION OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

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### **SB 146 - Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard - Eligible Sources - Alterations (Reclaim Renewable Energy Act of 2024)**

**DATE:** January 25, 2024  
**COMMITTEE:** Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment  
**POSITION:** Support  
**FROM:** Shannon Moore, Director, Division of Energy and Environment

Thank you for your consideration of SB 146 – Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard - Eligible Sources - Alterations (Reclaim Renewable Energy Act of 2024). As the Director of the Division of Energy and Environment in Frederick County, I urge the committee to give SB 146 a favorable report.

Currently, the State's Tier I Renewable Portfolio Standard program subsidizes pollution to include particulates and ground level ozone precursors. These emissions, in turn, create environmental justice concerns for populations with asthma and lung disease. Therefore, alterations of this program have the opportunity to facilitate the intended purpose of the program which is to reduce carbon dioxide equivalent emissions and increase carbon neutral energy sources.

For these reasons, Frederick County is in support of SB 146 – Reclaim Renewable Energy Act. Thank you for your consideration. On behalf of Frederick County Government, I urge a favorable report.

Respectfully,

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