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**Testimony Supporting HB220**  
**House Economic Matters Committee**  
**February 20, 2025**

**To:** Chair Wilson and Members of the House Economic Matters Committee  
**From:** Angela Clark, Member of Sunrise Movement and Progressive Maryland  
**DATE:** 2/18/25  
**POSITION:** Favorable

Thank you, members of the committee, for the opportunity to provide personal testimony in support of HB220, the Reclaim Renewable Energy Act. My name is Angela Clark, and I'm a member of the Sunrise Movement and Progressive Maryland. As a resident of Baltimore City, District 40, this bill is of extreme importance to myself and members of my community.

As a former resident of the Pigtown neighborhood and current Maryland ratepayer, the ongoing exploitation of our residents through surreptitious practices appalls me. The BRESCO incinerator is the largest emitter of air pollution in the city, exposing thousands of our residents to toxic chemicals such as lead, mercury, carbon monoxide, and more. Not only are the greenhouse gas emissions detrimental to our environment, but the toxic byproducts of incinerating trash have been scientifically proven to cause negative health outcomes, including cancer and asthma, within Southern Baltimore neighborhoods. Maryland ratepayers have already paid over \$100 million into waste incineration since the inception of the RPS, with a projected \$300 million total by 2030 if these subsidies continue. Trash incineration is an extremely inefficient source of energy production, especially when compared to true clean energy production such as solar and wind. Freeing up these funds to go to legitimate Clean Energy infrastructure in the city will allow us to reach our goal of 52% reliance on clean renewables by 2030, which we are currently far behind, at just 14%.

I stand in solidarity with the members of my community in calling for the removal of this insult to our great city. I call on you as our State's Representatives, to right this wrong by passing HB220 and bringing an end to the ratepayer funding of this harmful pollution machine.

Respectfully,

Angela Clark