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Bill Title: HB0220 Reclaim Renewable Energy Act

Position: **Favorable**

To: Economic Matters

Thank you for this opportunity to support the Reclaim Renewable Energy Act of 2025. Mountain Maryland Movement supports removal of incineration from Maryland's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS). Burning trash is harming the health and wellbeing of Baltimore City and downwind counties' residents.

Mountain Marylanders are familiar with how burning dirty energy sources affects human health. Allegany County has the highest rate of all types of cancers in the State, correlated with burning coal.

The 2023 Maryland Commission's on Climate Change annual report advised excluding municipal solid waste incineration from the list of eligible sources in the RPS due to the significant fossil fuel emissions associated with this process.

Additionally, Governor Moore's administration's Clean Power Standard reinforces the commitment to terminate existing eligibility and subsidies for municipal solid waste incineration. **It is time that Maryland makes progress on the work of de-incentivizing dirty energy sources!**