

Testimony in Support of SB0316

Education, Energy and the Environment Committee HEARING, February 13, 2025

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To All Committee Members,

My name is Ray Earnest; I live on Maryland's Eastern Shore, and I urge a favorable report on SB0316

This Bill will ensure Maryland can generate the in-state clean energy we need while making energy bills more affordable and making the grid more reliable and will reduce our dependence on out-of-state dirty power, and create local jobs. It will:

- Support various clean energy sources like solar and wind
- Incentivize and re-organizes the renewable portfolio standard to build more in-state solar, storage and wind in a way that protects Maryland ratepayers
- Support the relicensing of Calvert Cliffs to ensure that this in-state clean energy source remains viable
- Ensure that Maryland's grid is sufficient to address current demand, as well as increased load. In the future from electrification and high-energy use industries.
- Create a structure for high-energy use industries to support reduced ratepayer impact of their energy use without disincentivizing the industries from moving into Maryland.

I support this bill because it will help us transition to clean energy, thus reducing green house gasses and the climate change they trigger. Also,

it supports fair use of our energy resources. Thank you for your consideration, and I look to this committee to give SB0316 a favorable report.

Sincerely,
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