



**TESTIMONY FOR HB0280
MARYLAND RECYCLING ACT – RECYCLABLE MATERIALS AND RESOURCE
RECOVERY FACILITIES - ALTERATIONS**

Bill Sponsor: Delegate Charkoudian

Committee: Environment and Transportation

Organization Submitting: Maryland Legislative Coalition

Person Submitting: Cecilia Plante, co-chair

Position: FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in favor of HB0280 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of individuals and grassroots groups with members in every district in the state with well over 30,000 members.

Incineration is a big problem for the state. Incineration ash was added to our RPS as a Tier 1 'renewable energy source', the same as wind and solar, in 2012. It is still there, even though it is clear that solar and wind have benefits way beyond incinerator ash.

You may have heard the marketing claim that communities with incinerators have the greater recycling rates than other communities. Incineration is not the cause of higher recycling rates (unless the leftover ash is counted as "recycling," which Maryland does). The only recoverable materials from an incineration facility are the metals left over after the burning process. Metal recovery accounts for a 2-3 % increase in recycling rates. That's all.

It's time to take incineration ash out of our RPS entirely.

We support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.