

Testimony Supporting HB11
House Economic Matters Committee
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Position: SUPPORT

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

As a resident of the 10th district and a very concerned south baltimore resident I am writing to express my strong support of HB11, HB11 would make sure that renewable energy subsidies would go to actual renewable energy. We are in a climate crisis, a global pandemic, and a shortage of many supplies and we cannot afford to be spending our renewable energy money on facilities like the bresco incinerator which has been the cause of baltimore's high pollution levels and a major contributor to asthma in south baltimore where it was placed without any notice to residents. - now is the time to double down Maryland's commitment to truly renewable energy and subsidize only facilities that are emissions-free.

It's time for Maryland to move in a new and clean direction, the first step would be to stop relying on the Wheelabrator incinerator as a resource for our waste and take them out of the RPS because we as taxpayers do not want our money going to this dirty energy. The money from each resident can go to an actual facility that gives good, clean and reliable renewable energy. In this case residents won't have to decide between breathing or power in their city.

Please support HB11 so that those dollars can go toward supporting wind, solar, hydro, and geothermal power - not greenhouse gas emissions.

Best,
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