



## TESTIMONY FOR HB0011

### Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Tier 1 Renewable Source – Alterations (Reclaim Renewable Energy Act of 2022)

**Bill Sponsor:** Delegate Stewart

**Committee:** Economic Matters

**Organization Submitting:** Maryland Legislative Coalition

**Person Submitting:** Cecilia Plante, co-chair

**Position:** FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in favor of HB0011 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of activists - individuals and grassroots groups in every district in the state. We are unpaid citizen lobbyists and our Coalition supports well over 30,000 members.

Maryland subsidizes renewable energy producers. We categorize sources of energy in our Renewable Energy Portfolio in terms of how clean and renewable they are, with Tier 1 being the 'greenest' and most renewable. However, there are several types of renewable energy that we should not be subsidizing.

This bill would exclude 'dirty' but renewable energy derived from qualifying biomass (waste material), methane from the anaerobic decomposition of organic materials, certain fuel cells, poultry litter-to-energy, waste-to-energy, refuse-derived fuel, and thermal energy from a thermal biomass system, from being eligible for inclusion as a Tier 1 source in the renewable energy portfolio standard. It also specifies that Tier 1 energy sources must be connected to the power grid.

It is a poor decision to subsidize dirty energy. It is bad for the citizens of Maryland and it is a poor investment.

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