



FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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HB 718 - Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard - Eligible Sources - Alterations (Reclaim Renewable Energy Act of 2023)

DATE: March 9, 2023
COMMITTEE: House Economic Matters Committee
POSITION: Support
FROM: Shannon Moore, Director, Division of Energy and Environment

Thank you for your consideration of HB 718 – Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard - Eligible Sources - Alterations (Reclaim Renewable Energy Act of 2023). As the Director of the Division of Energy and Environment in Frederick County, I urge the committee to give HB 718 a favorable report.

Despite good intentions of the state's Tier I Renewable Portfolio Standard to reduce carbon dioxide equivalent emissions and increase carbon neutral energy sources, the program subsidizes pollution, to include particulates and ground level ozone precursors. These emissions, in turn, create environmental justice concerns for populations with asthma and lung disease.

For these reasons, Frederick County is in support of HB 718 – Reclaim Renewable Energy Act. Thank you for your consideration. On behalf of Frederick County Government, I urge a favorable report.

Respectfully,

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