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**Testimony of Sean Dobson
on Maryland House Bill 718
Reclaim Renewable Energy Act**

TO: Hon. Chair Wilson, Hon. Speaker of the House Jones, Hon. Members of the Committee

FROM: Sean Dobson, Member of Progressive Maryland

DATE: March 9, 2023

POSITION: Favorable

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of the Reclaim Renewable Energy Act. Progressive Maryland is a grassroots nonprofit organization with regional chapters from Frederick to the Lower Shore and more than 100,000 members and supporters who live in nearly every legislative district in the state. In addition, there are dozens of affiliated community, faith, and labor organizations across the state that stand behind our work. Our mission is to improve the lives of working families in Maryland. Please note our **strong support for HB718**.

I urge you to support this bill because the bluest of blue states needs to show the rest of the country – especially the federal government – how to take decisive action to reduce carbon emissions, especially those that disproportionately harm working-class and of-color communities. As a Montgomery County resident, I would especially like to see closure of the Dickerson Waste-to-Energy incinerator, whose pollution, thanks to our state's prevailing northwesterly winds eight months out of the year, blow mostly toward working-class, of-color communities in the I-270 corridor only four miles away.

I respectfully urge a favorable report on HB718.

Sincerely,
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