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RE: Favorable Testimony on SB 590, Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard - Eligible Sources - Alterations (Reclaim Renewable Energy Act of 2023)

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Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

Since 2008, dirty sources of energy have been receiving renewable energy credits. These polluters are receiving credits that should have gone to real renewable energy sources like that of wind, solar, and geothermal.

In the past hearings of removing trash incineration from the RPS, the conversation is often confused with questions of "where would the trash go?" Removing the subsidies from trash incineration isn't about shutting down incinerators, it's about removing the credits from a polluting source that shouldn't be labeled as renewable.

Furthermore, trash incineration is a dying industry. No new plants are being built so continuing to subsidize them is irrelevant.

Please pass SB 590 so that Maryland Ratepayers are funding true sources of renewable energy and not false renewables of trash incineration, landfill gas, anaerobic digestion, biomass, and poultry litter incineration.

Sincerely,  
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