

Dear Members of the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee,

I am a resident of **D46. I am testifying in support of the Reclaim Renewable Energy Act of 2023 (SB590).**

It is extremely important to me, as a lifelong resident of Maryland who cares about the environment and climate of the state and will have to live with it for as many as 70 more years, that the General Assembly take pains to protect the integrity of renewable energy. I do not want the renewable energy program to be hijacked by those who wish to use biofuels as a trojan horse to build more permanent natural gas infrastructure in this state. I understand their game here, and I urge the committee not to fall for it with some friendly-sounding focus-tested branding.

Moreover, many of the sources of biofuels listed, such as animal manure, would be incentivizing activities that have otherwise deleterious effects and environmental externalities.

It is for these reasons that I am encouraging you to vote **in support of SB590.**

Thank you for your time, service, and consideration.

Sincerely,
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