

Testimony Supporting SB146
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Position: SUPPORT

Dear Chair Feldman and Members of the Committee,

As a lifelong, 63 years, Maryland resident and ratepayer I demand you pass SB146, the Reclaim Renewable Energy Act.

I am currently participating actively in the Maryland Energy Storage Program Working Group hosted by the Maryland Public Utilities Commission. We published an interim report this last December. We have started work designing grid services for electricity storage that will adequately recompense providers of those services and increase the deployment of storage in the Maryland grid, which will support decarbonization of our grid. I, of course, do not speak in any way for the working group—but I strongly believe that beyond, and concurrent with, the setting up of those grid services additional incentives will be needed to meet the legislated goals for the program. The ‘clean energy’ incentivization money being wasted subsidizing incineration could certainly be put to good use meeting legislated goals for deployment of grid energy storage, and MANY other good uses.

I add this plea to the overwhelming economic sense it makes to divert these subsidies to better use:

subsidies should do no harm, harm and violence are connected, subsidies must do no harm.

This is expensive, dirty, harmful electricity. The subsidy is neither needed to operate nor deserved.

There are no fact-based, science-based, or economically-based arguments that can be made for subsidizing dirty, harmful, and expensive waste solutions as ‘renewable’ energy.