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Testimony on Maryland Senate Bill 146 Reclaim Renewable Energy Act

TO: Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and members of the committee

FROM: Shenae Thomas, Progressive Maryland EJTF

DATE: January 25, 2024

POSITION: Favorable

My name is Shenae Thomas, and I am a member of **Progressive Maryland's Environmental Justice Task Force**. I appreciate you giving me the opportunity to share my sentiments about the Renewable Energy Act (**SB146**) of 2024. As a single mother of a daughter that attends The Historic Cherry Hill Elementary Middle School, in South Baltimore, I am deeply concerned about my monthly utility bill contributing to the wealth of a toxic trash incinerator that's responsible for high rates of Asthma in my community.

Moreover, a recent 2023 PLOS study found that incinerators emit more greenhouse gas emissions per unit of electricity produced than any other power source." This is appalling and is the reason why we should remove trash incineration from our state's renewable energy program and pass the RREA, so that future generations of majority black communities don't have to pay monthly taxes for fools-gold like renewable energy.

For these reasons, **we respectfully urge a favorable report on SB146.**

Respectfully, Shenae Thomas