

**Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**  
**January 25, 2023**

**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB146**

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Dear Chair Feldman and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support of SB146, the Reclaim Renewable Energy Act as a resident of the 32nd District of Maryland and a strong supporter of environmental justice and climate action that can take place *today*.

The RPS is an important tool for establishing a market for renewable and clean forms of energy that would give Maryland residents peace of mind knowing they are paying towards a cleaner tomorrow, yet the money is being wasted on one of the most polluting forms of energy.

Trash Incineration isn't what the RPS is for. It should be an investment into forms of power that have a positive impact on the pollution footprint of Maryland, such as geothermal, wind, or solar power, not into more pollution.

Maryland residents deserve to be able to take comfort that when we pay our utility bills each month knowing that we're paying into renewable energy used to fend off climate change and keep the air we breathe and the water we drink clean, not into trash incineration which emit millions of tons of CO2 and mercury and lead per year.

Thank you for your time.