

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 10
**Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Eligible Sources –
Alterations 2 (Reclaim Renewable Energy Act of 2025)**

COMMITTEE: Education, Energy, and the Environment

HEARING DATE: February 13, 2025

SPONSOR: Senators Ferguson, Lewis Young, and Simonaire

POSITION: Favorable

Chair Brian Feldman, Vice Chair Cheryl Kagen and Members of the Committee,

As the Chair of the Fellowship of Scientists and Engineers and a resident of Frederick County, Maryland and person concerned with the costs due to the effects of climate change I ask for a Favorable Report on SB 0010.

Maryland needs to take action on reversing the damage of climate change. This will not happen if we continue to subsidize polluting incinerators or woody mass burning.

The state's fiscal situation has not been this thin in many years. We should not be wasting money on subsidizing incinerator to in the millions of dollars a year. Most egregious is the fact that most of the taxpayers money is going to Virginia's incinerators.

From Clean Water Action :

- **A trash incinerator in Virginia is making the most profit from Maryland ratepayers.** Since 2020, an incinerator in Lorton VA, operated by ReWorld (formerly Covanta) has profited the most from Maryland's RPS, receiving \$29.9 million from Maryland ratepayers, 40% of the program's RPS credits. In comparison, the Montgomery County incinerator received \$25.1 million, or 33%; the Baltimore City incinerator received \$20.2 million, or 27%. A private company owning an out-of-state incinerator profits the most from trash incineration remaining in Maryland's RPS

These funds could go to support renewable energy like solar panel/ backup battery systems installed in apartment buildings and schools. Even if not used for renewable power funds could be used to support the Governor's "no child left behind" program or to simply help Maryland's bottom line.

This bill makes simple common sense and is way past time it was enacted.

Please return a Favorable report.

Thank you,

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