

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

This testimony is being submitted by Showing Up for Racial Justice Baltimore. We are also working in collaboration with the Baltimore Transit Equity Coalition. I am a resident of **District 45**. **I am testifying in support of SB0010.**

As a city resident with allergies and as a former educator working with children who couldn't afford their asthma medication, I can speak firsthand to the public health implications of burning trash and the coinciding air quality issues it causes. Poor air quality impacts my low-income neighbors the most as they struggle to access health care they need to remain active in their jobs, schools, and communities. I hope one day to never see another child in Baltimore have an asthma attack because of environmental allergies and lack of funds for a maintenance inhaler. We can and should take better care of our community.

Burning trash should never have been labeled a renewable energy source in the first place, and it is a shame and an embarrassment that year after year, we have continued this giveaway to trash incinerators in lieu of simply fixing this obvious and easily-resolvable flaw in the law. Now, when the budget crisis is forcing us to look closely at the value we are getting for every expenditure, is the perfect opportunity to make this change.

It is for these reasons that I am encouraging you to vote **in support of SB0010 - the Reclaim Renewable Energy Act of 2025** (Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard - Eligible Sources - Alterations).

Thank you for your time, service, and consideration.

Sincerely,
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