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Senators Bill Ferguson, Karen Lewis Young, and Bryan Simonaire
H-107 State House
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Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Senate Bill 10 (Reclaim Renewable Energy Act of 2025)

Gerber's Refuse is a Baltimore County-based refuse removal business that has been operating for more than 85 years. The company is against Senate Bill 10, which would increase our business costs by eliminating renewable energy subsidies for Maryland waste-to-energy companies.

The subsidies that WIN Waste Baltimore receives for generating renewable energy help keep our disposal costs for hauling trash to the facility low. Removing the subsidies will increase WIN Waste's cost of doing business, which will be passed along to hauling companies like Gerber's.

When our costs go up, we only have two options. We can either increase our prices, which hurts other Maryland companies that contract with us, or we can cut our expenses, which means laying off employees. We can't keep paying and charging higher prices. We can't keep paying higher disposal costs, and our customers can't keep paying higher hauling costs. We need to protect our team members who do the hard work of managing our state's trash.

Gerber's can't afford to lose WIN Waste as an affordable disposal option, and neither can Maryland. Baltimore and Maryland don't have the landfill capacity to take the trash that WIN Waste processes every year. If this legislation forces WIN Waste Baltimore to close, the city and other localities will have to spend millions of dollars to build more landfill space or to ship more waste to out-of-state disposal sites.

This isn't environmentally or economically sustainable. We need to protect the Maryland companies that employ Maryland residents and manage Maryland's waste. Senate Bill 10 will do the opposite.

That is why Gerber's Refuse opposes this bill and respectfully asks lawmakers to vote against it.

Respectfully,

Michael E. Gerber, Sr.