

SUPPORT SB10/HB220—Reclaim Renewable Energy Act

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Dear Senators Feldman and Kagan,

Quaker Voice of Maryland is submitting this testimony for the 2/13 Education, Energy and Environment Hearing in FAVOR of SB10—Reclaim Renewable Energy Act of 2025

We have identified this bill as one of our priorities for the 2025 General Assembly because Quakers across Maryland have shared their concern about climate change and the impact of incinerators on the health of Maryland communities and the environment. One of the testimonies of Quakerism is stewardship of the natural environment and equity for all who rely on and enjoy natural resources.

This bill will delete trash incineration from the list of “renewable energy” sources that qualify for Maryland’s Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) and open up more space in Maryland’s RPS for supporting the emissions-free electricity Maryland actually needs to fight climate change.

Maryland needs to invest in climate solutions. Finding funding for the \$1 billion per year that MDE’s Climate Pollution Reduction Plan requires will be a significant challenge. The Reclaim Renewable Energy Act redistributes the subsidy that Maryland utilities, and by extension Maryland rate payers, are already paying.

We thank Senators Ferguson, Young, and Simonaire for sponsoring this bill and encourage a FAVORABLE report for this essential legislation.

Sincerely,

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