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Committee: Education, Energy, and the Environment

Testimony on: Bill Number SB0010, "Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard - Eligible Sources - Alterations (Reclaim Renewable Energy Act of 2025)"

Position: Support

Hearing Date: February 13, 1 PM

Dear Chair Feldman and Other Members of the Committee,

The proposed legislation will rightly remove energy derived from burning trash from the Maryland Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard.

As resident of District 43A and a Maryland ratepayer and resident I am writing to express my strong support for the Reclaim Renewable Energy Act.

Maryland is particularly vulnerable to sea level rise and other adverse effects of rampant climate change. Currently companies and government get Renewable Portfolio Credits in Maryland for burning trash, although this activity emits both climate and health-harming pollution.

Our state can't have a Clean Energy Standard while encouraging trash burning.

Maryland needs to conserve its funds for worthwhile projects that include wind, solar, and energy storage. Removing trash-burning will allow the state to redirect funds for worthwhile projects.

This bill will not increase electric utility bills because truly clean renewable energy is now less expensive than alternatives such as trash burning.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Reis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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