

SB 10: Reclaim Renewable Energy Act Position: Support

Chairman Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and Members of the Committee,

**Shore Progress supports SB 10 - Reclaim Renewable Energy Act of 2025.** This legislation is critical for Eastern Shore and rural Maryland communities, who deserve policies that prioritize clean air, sustainable energy, and economic fairness.

The Eastern Shore contains some of Maryland's most environmentally at-risk communities, some of which are already beginning to experience the devastating effects of climate change. Our rural communities often bear the brunt of environmental inequities, and incinerators release harmful pollutants such as particulate matter and heavy metals, disproportionately impacting public health.

The Climate Pollution Reduction Plan and the Maryland Commission on Climate Change's recommendations both call for removing waste incineration from the RPS. It's time to align our state's policies with this vision and prioritize genuinely renewable energy sources that benefit working-class and rural communities alike.

By passing SB 10, Maryland can redirect resources to clean, local energy projects that create jobs, improve public health, and help Maryland meet its climate goals.

As an organization committed to building sustainable and clean communities, Shore Progress views this bill as a critical step toward for Maryland. We support this bill and recommend a FAVORABLE report in committee.

Thank you for your consideration,

## **Shore Progress**